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₹2,790-CR DODGY TRANSACTIONS PUT HEAT ON CRYPTO BIGGIE

The ED is probing if Mumbai-headquartered WazirX, India's largest cryptocurrency exchange, has violated FEMA norms

CHINESE NATIONALS LAUNDERED MONEY: E.D.

The showcause notice issued by the central probe agency under various sections of FEMA names the exchange and directors Nischal Shetty and Sameer Hanuman Mhatre. The ED issued a statement saying that it stumbled upon the transactions of the exchange during an ongoing money laundering probe into "Chinese-owned" illegal online betting applications

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS: WAZIRX

- ED said Chinese nationals laundered crime proceeds worth ₹57 cr by converting INR deposits into cryptocurrency and transferring them to Cayman Islands-registered Binance, WazirX's parent firm
- However, WazirX's promoters flatly denied any wrongdoing and claimed they are "in compliance with all applicable laws" | **P12**

Binance
THE GLOBAL CRYPTOCURRENCY EXCHANGE ACQUIRED WAZIRX IN 2019

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K'taka HC allows CCI probe against Amazon, Flipkart

Traders' body had accused firms of entering into special agreements with select sellers

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

IN a major win for small retailers, who have been alleging that foreign firms are violating the country's Competition Act and Foreign Direct Investment Act, the Karnataka High Court on Friday allowed the regulatory body Competition Commission of India (CCI) to probe the anti-competitive practices by e-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart.

The high court dismissed the petitions filed by the e-tailers for quashing of a probe ordered by the CCI last January after the Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh had approached the watchdog accusing Amazon and Flipkart of entering into special agreements with select sellers/having stakes in Indian companies selling on their platforms and deep discounting.

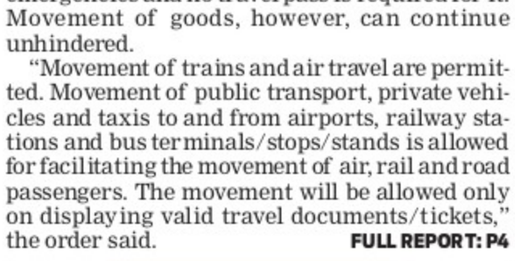
A single-judge bench comprising Justice P S Dinesh Kumar observed that it would be unwise to prejudge the issues raised by the petitioners (Amazon, Flipkart) at this stage and scuttle the investigation.

Earlier, the CCI had approached the Supreme Court against the e-commerce giant's plea, which directed the Karnataka High Court to decide the matter within a period of six-weeks. Amazon told this publication in response to a query that it will review the judgment carefully and decide on the next step. Flipkart didn't respond to *TNIE*'s queries.

Senior lawyer Abir Roy, who appeared for the Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh, an affiliate of the Confederation of All India Traders, said the regulator can now continue the ongoing probe against the companies as the court rejected their plea to keep the order in abeyance for 15 days. **P7**

ED LENS ON AMAZON

The Enforcement Directorate is also investigating the allegations of violations of Foreign Exchange Management Act by Amazon after the Commerce Ministry had asked the agency to take necessary action.


ROAD TO UNLOCK
Optical shops allowed to open from 6 am to 2 pm
Street vendors allowed to open from 6 am to 2 pm
Parks can open between 5 am and 10 am on weekdays
Weekend curfew will be in effect from 7 pm on Friday to 5 am on Monday
Movement of individuals prohibited during night curfew 7 pm-5 am on weekdays
Travel for medical or vaccine purposes permitted with minimal proof

CURBS ON TRAVEL BETWEEN DISTS TO CONTINUE

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Government on Friday issued guidelines for relaxation of lockdown norms in 19 districts, starting Monday. While Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa announced most of the key relaxations on Thursday after a meeting of ministers and officials, the official guidelines listed out additional relaxations.

Existing restrictions on inter-district passenger travel will continue. Currently, inter-district and inter-state travel is allowed only for prescheduled trains and flights or in the case of emergencies and no travel pass is required for it. Movement of goods, however, can continue unhindered.

"Movement of trains and air travel are permitted. Movement of public transport, private vehicles and taxis to and from airports, railway stations and bus terminals/stops/stands is allowed for facilitating the movement of air, rail and road passengers. The movement will be allowed only on displaying valid travel documents/tickets," the order said. **FULL REPORT: P4**

EXPRESS READ

Lakshadweep filmmaker says she will 'keep fighting' for her land

KOCHI: Filmmaker Aisha Sulthana, who has been booked on sedition charges by the Lakshadweep police, said on Friday that she will "keep fighting" for her native land and her voice will only "grow louder". Sulthana was on Thursday booked for sedition, following a complaint by BJP Lakshadweep unit president Abdul Khader that she spread false news about the spread of Covid-19 in the Union Territory during a TV debate | **P7**

Ghar wapsi for old-timer Mukul Roy, back in TMC

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE BJP, which is still smarting from the poor show in the recently held Assembly election in West Bengal, on Friday received another jolt as its national vice-president Mukul Roy and his son Subhrangshu deserted the saffron party to rejoin the Trinamool Congress.

Roy met West Bengal chief minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee and her nephew Abhishek, the party's national general secretary, at the party's headquarters Trinamool Bhavan. "Mukul is an old member of the TMC family and old is gold. The BJP had threatened and tortured him using central agencies. After coming back to the TMC, mental peace has returned to him. No one in Bengal can survive in the BJP. Mukul's return is a reflection of the BJP's intra-party oppression," said Mamata.

Roy was TMC's national secretary and the second-in-command when he switched over to the BJP in 2017 after he was interrogated by the CBI and the ED in connection with the Saradha chit fund scam and the Narada sting operation case.

Mukul Roy with TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee and her nephew Abhishek Banerjee in Kolkata on Friday | PTI

Roy's return to the TMC was not entirely unexpected. Mamata's soft stance on Roy during the election campaign had triggered speculation. While addressing a rally in Nandigram, from where Mamata contested and lost to Suvendu Adhikari, she said Roy was much better than Suvendu. Roy, too, refrained from launching a frontal attack against the TMC.

Endorsing the speculations, Mamata said, "Many others attacked the TMC and showed their cheap mentality, but Mukul was not like them." **P9**

KARNATAKA	JUNE 10	JUNE 11
Fresh cases	11,042	8,249
Recoveries	15,721	14,975
Deaths	194	159

NATIONWIDE	JUNE 10	JUNE 11
Fresh cases	94,052	91,702
Recoveries	1,51,367	1,34,580
Deaths	6,148	3,403

Now, buzz on Cabinet expansion at the Centre too

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

THE BJP's attempts to energise its organisation and governments at the Centre and Lucknow gained pace on Friday with Prime Minister Narendra Modi holding extensive discussions with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and party national president J P Nadda.

They got into a huddle after UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath met Modi and Nadda separately, amid indications that the party brass will take full command of the poll preparations in the battleground state.

The much delayed Cabinet expansion at the Centre, filling of vacancies in the BJP Parliamentary Board and organisational issues in the specific context of UP, were learnt to be on the meeting agenda. The BJP's attempt to make course corrections by wooing smaller parties that were previously allies but drifted away due to differences with Adityanath, could be reflected in the Cabinet expansions both at the Centre and Uttar Pradesh, sources said.

While the Prime Minister's Office completed its performance appraisal of the Union ministers early last year, the expected shake-up in the team was put off primarily because of the Covid challenge, said sources. They added that the BJP is now keen to give visibility to NDA allies. **P10**

KANNADA DALIT POET SIDDALINGAIAH PASSES AWAY

The noted poet succumbed to Covid-related ailments, sources close to him said. He was 67, and is survived by his wife, son and daughter | **P7**

JAB-O-METER TAKE YOUR SHOT

June 10: 30,32,675 doses
June 11: 31,50,368 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 24,93,16,572

Covaxin's emergency nod push in US fails

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA
@ New Delhi

COVAXIN manufacturer Bharat Biotech, which is already drawing flak in India for the unusual delay in releasing its final phase 3 clinical trial results, got a fresh jolt as the US drug regulator declined emergency use authorisation (EUA) for the vaccine in its country.

Indian authorities, however, claimed the US decision will have no bearing on the nation's Covid vaccination drive, of which Covaxin — apart from Covishield — is a key element.

The USFDA advised Bharat Biotech's US partner Ocugen to take the biological license applications — or full approval — route instead for the approval.

Putting it in context, Bharat Biotech said the USFDA has already stopped issuing EUAs, since the country now has good herd immunity and a significant percentage of its population is vaccinated. "Our US partner, Ocugen, has received a recommendation from the FDA to pursue a Biologics License Applications path for Covaxin," the firm said. It added that for standard approval, data from an additional clinical trial will be required, extending the company's timelines.

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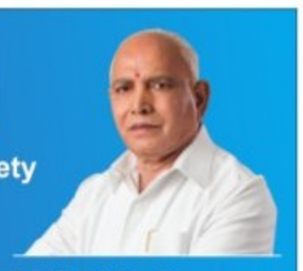

Sri. B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Send Children to School. Not to Work.
Stop Child Labour!

12th June 2021 - World Day Against Child Labour

Employment of children is not only illegal, but also inhuman and immoral. Employment of children in any job is also a punishable offence.

Practice of Child Labour deprives children the joy of childhood, education and adversely affects their health and future.

Come, let us raise our voice against the evil of Child Labour. On this **World Day Against Child Labour,** let us take a pledge to end this evil practice.

Initiatives of Government to eliminate Child Labour practices
- Regular inspections being carried out in all Districts, and legal action is initiated against the offending employers.
- Establishment of Pencil Portal to receive complaints from the Public.
- Extensive legal awareness and assistance programs are being organised.
- The Memorandum of Standard Operating Procedures (MSOP) have been formulated to work towards declaring Child Labour-free District.

Hon'ble Minister of Labour **Sri Arabail Shivaram Hebbar** distributing masks, sanitizers and other essential items to children to help safeguard themselves from COVID-19.

website: • https://pencil.gov.in • https://ncpcr.gov.in/user_complaints.php • kscleps@gmail.com

Helplines for Public Complaints
• Child Helpline : 1098 • Child Labour Complaints : 080-29752833 • Police Helpline : 100

Let us follow the COVID-19 guidelines and win the fight against Corona virus
Wear Mask | Wash Hands frequently | Maintain Social Distance

Dr. G. Kalpana, IAS
Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt.
Department of Labour

Akram Pasha, IAS
Commissioner
Department of Labour

ALMANAC TODAY
Saturday: 12/06/2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Greeshma • Masa: Jyeshta • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Dwitheeya 5:56 pm • Nakshatra: Ardra 3:20 pm • Moon in Karkataka Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30am • Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST: Cloudy

Sunrise 5.53 am | Sunset 6.46 pm | Moonrise 7.13 am | Moonset 8.30 pm

EDU DEPT ISSUES GUIDELINES ON OFFLINE, ONLINE CLASSES, ASSESSMENT

Includes alternatives for plans of action for schools and admission process for 2021-22

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Primary and Secondary Education Department has issued detailed guidelines with various alternatives for admission process, online and offline classes and preparations for the 2021-22 academic year, which begins from July 1.

The guidelines include alternatives for action plans that are to be formulated from the school level to the district level in case schools have to hold classes virtually, for continuity in learning. School teachers have been asked to update the information about access to technology that each student's family possesses. In case where a child has no parents, benevolent persons who are willing to provide education support to these students are to be identified.

Neighbours with television access must be identified for students who do not have access to phones or television, so they can attend the classes telecast on Doordarshan Chandana. Parents are to be roped in to get information about neighbours with smartphone access so students can download their classes. Classes will also be broadcast on the radio. Teachers are expected to convince parents about encouraging their children to attend the alternative classes.

Students are to be given specific dates to visit the school twice a week and collect practice sheets and a brief on how to work them out. These sheets will be used for evaluation that will help teachers fill the learning gaps. These worksheets will be used for comprehensive evaluation. A teacher will mentor 10-15 students. These assessment tools and physical classes twice a week are applicable for those students who have television at home too.

Those with just feature phones may use the radio for classes. Teachers will keep in constant touch with them over the phone to evaluate their learning. Those with smartphones, laptops and internet can use the department's 'Samveda' videos that are telecast on Chandana channel and lectures on radio (which are broadcast for 30 mins for students of Classes 1 to 4), use the 22,000-plus content on Diksha app for Classes 1 to 10. As many as 50 videos uploaded by teachers on YouTube channel 'Makkala Sahayavani' last year can be viewed. Teachers are encouraged to send short lecture videos to parents to be shown to their children, and stay in touch with the former over a Whatsapp group. Classes in Marathi and Urdu will also be uploaded on YouTube.

Students will have a bridge course of 30 days to revise the syllabus of the previous year and acquire necessary knowledge needed for the current year. Students will be given online and offline practice sheets to work out at the end of the bridge course. Schools have to prepare the timetables as they do every year, if physical classes start this year.

Teachers and head teachers will create timetables to ensure parents visit the teachers once a week to discuss the academic progress of their wards. Teachers ought to have a child profile as a database for evaluation of continuous learning of the student for all subjects, and upload it on the department's Students Achievement Tracking System (SATS) portal.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

STUDENTS TO VISIT SCHOOLS TWICE A WEEK

Students are to be given specific dates to visit the school twice a week and collect practice sheets and a brief on how to work them out. These sheets will be used for evaluation that will help teachers fill the learning gaps, according to the guidlines.

Students can now access Sweden's simulator

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

STUDENTS pursuing scientific discipline and researchers across the country can now have access to Sweden's COMSOL – a multi-physics software suite – at no cost.

This became possible after the I-STEM, an initiative of the office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Union government, entered into a collaborative arrangement with the COMSOL group. I-STEM is located in the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

Students only have to register themselves with I-STEM, which is an online repository of information pertaining to science research equipment available in the country, and use the variety of computer simulations that the suite offers.

IISc's Dr Sanjeev Shrivastava, national coordinator of I-STEM, said that an added advantage of getting legal access to this software was that researchers can get their papers published from the data they derive.

He said that the tool will now reach researchers and students from across various streams in Science and Engineering who need the simulators and are remotely connected.

BDA to landowners: Part with land for KG Layout

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LANDOWNERS, who have filed petitions in court against acquisition of their land for the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, have been urged to cooperate with the Bangalore Development Authority for the project.

The appeal was made by BDA Chairman S R Vishwanath and Commissioner Rajesh Gowda during their visit to the layout on Friday to take stock of the infrastructure work being carried out presently.

This follows a review meet held by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on June 8 with Urban Development officials where he called for expediting the infrastructure works at KG Layout. "We spoke to a few influential people in the area and appealed to them to convince the landowners to part with the land as it was stalling the formation of the layout. The BDA will pay them the legally permitted compensation," the Commissioner told *The New Indian Express* after the visit.

The under-construction sewage treatment plants and water pipelines as well as work on laying the major arterial road were also inspected by the team. "The works are going on, but we have asked the contractors to speed it up," Gowda said.

A representative of the NPKL Allottees Forum, Ramana Gowdaiah, met the officials on behalf of all allottees and conveyed their grievances. "Allottees have paid site value and are waiting for basic amenities for the last five years. They are not able to build homes here. A majority are also paying interest on loans taken to pay for the site as well as rent for their present residences," Gowdaiah said.

BDA Chairman S R Vishwanath (in blue) and (to his right) Commissioner Rajesh Gowda inspect the work at KG Layout on Friday

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Rajesh Gowda,
BDA Commissioner

Overburdened? Palike health commissioner wants out

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE pandemic has not just affected the lives of citizens, but seems to have also adversely impacted the personal and professional lives of officials who are at the forefront of managing the crisis. The long and stressful work hours, late night meetings and concern for their family have apparently been taking a toll on them.

On Friday, BBMP Special Commissioner (health) Rajendra Cholan put in a request before the government to relieve him from the post. Government sources said that Cholan's application before the DPAR and the Chief Minister has become a matter of worry for multiple reasons for the government. Even as they are unable to find the right candidate, no official is keen to accept the post as their plates are already full.

"Cholan has sought to be relieved citing health reasons and that he is handling too many departments. Now, we are finding it difficult to find a quick replacement who has sound knowledge of the ongoing works and those done so far, and is ready to continue for a long time," a government source said. It was in a similar situation that former BBMP commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad had sought a transfer.

The name of D Randeep, Special Commissioner, Solid Waste Management, BBMP, is doing the rounds for the post. But he too is handling a number of tasks. The government is now looking for a suitable alternative among officials who are presently handling the Covid crisis from the war rooms. A final decision is yet to be taken.

Cholan also holds the post of Managing Director, BESCOM; Managing Director, Smart City Ltd and Zonal Commissioner, Bommanahalli. Randeep is also the zonal commissioner of Mahadevapura and is part of the committee on cremation and committee constituted on war room portal integration.

"Since the responsibility is huge, no official is keen to take it up. Their reason is that that they are forced to attend too many meetings and have to attend to citizens' queries. They have families to take care of too. We understand that this is a time of crisis and there is shortage of staff, but they should also understand that they are IAS officers, trained to handle multiple roles," a senior government official said.

EXPRESS READ

10-day virtual yoga workshop begins

In the run-up to the World Yoga Day on June 21, the Department of Sports and Youth Services has joined hands with the Art of Living Foundation and NIMHANS to conduct a 10-day virtual yoga workshop, which started on Friday. The virtual link can be searched on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube with the keyword 'Yuvaspandana'. The workshop is being conducted from 6.30 am to 8 am, said Sports Minister Narayana Gowda, who launched the workshop, in a release. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

12th June: Yesterday I spoke about what we can do when lunar energies are declining, but we have a lot to do, and can't afford to relax. Astrology assumes that we have the freedom to arrange our own lives, so when the stars are against us there are simple steps we can take. The first is to be more efficient and organise our time more effectively!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Every planet tells a different story, so you may be facing too many choices. The Sun advises you to take a long, cool, dispassionate look at close personal relationships. Try to put yourself in someone else's shoes, rather than judging them too harshly. A cash bonus will be delayed.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You're feeling the pressure - there's no doubt about that. You may be ready to chance your arm just a little, but the results should be worth the fuss. The crucial consideration could well be money, and you're probably concerned with just how much you can now afford to spend.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You should sort out your accounts and finances and get all your papers in order as soon as possible. If you don't arrange your affairs to suit your own interests, fate might step in and cause long-term irritations and hassles. That's why you absolutely have to stay in control.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Close partners can be maddening, but then you've known that for a long time. The best thing you can do now is to state your case, give loved ones a certain amount of time to agree with you and, if they don't meet your deadline, get on with your life.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's a busy day, and complex planetary influences relate to work as much as to personal matters. You may be uncertain as to the next step, but it is quite safe to put important affairs on hold, perhaps until Monday. By then the picture should be clearer.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's time to enjoy yourself, and even if the most routine of all days lies before you, you should try to break up your chores with as many morale-boosting treats as possible. Artistic individuals should benefit enormously from imaginative suggestions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Be indecisive no longer! Challenging planetary factors only strengthen your resolve, especially where cash is concerned. This is why you are entering a period which will see you making many far-reaching and fundamental changes in your life both at work and at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
This is, without doubt, a decisive period of the year for you, although much that will later be important still seems to be a distant speck on the horizon. In all personal and intimate matters, new light is being shed on old problems. Take careful note of all those deep insights.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Some kind of financial reward, even a small one, will boost your confidence before long. It's a sensible sort of a day, and you'll be keeping yourself in check. Don't blame other people if you feel that you're not getting your own way - and look at how you may have been responsible for much that's happened.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You will be more emotional than usual, and there are bound to be a few mood swings. If you are prepared for fluctuating feelings, you will be less ready to take offence, and also less susceptible to others' little wiles. That alone has to make this a worthwhile period.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Some very helpful planets in friendly signs are making you feel that all the upsets and aggravation of the past year or so have had worthwhile results. It's important to recognise that potential difficulties can be turned to your advantage. In other words, look on the bright side!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your social stars are strong so, even though you have a reputation for being shy, you can still gain a great deal of pleasure by planting yourself firmly in the spotlight. You need to know exactly what you have to do as you'll do best when you have a firmly defined role to play.

THE PHANTOM

I FALL AND FALL AND NEVER HIT THE WATER...
NEXT NIGHT, I'M BACK IN THE JET, AND AGAIN, I JUST CAN'T WAKE UP IN TIME....
NOT UNTIL THE NOMAD PUSHES ME OUT THROUGH THE CARGO DOOR....
MOM AND DAD DON'T KNOW THIS IS HAPPENING, KIT. I DON'T WANT THEM TO EVER KNOW....
DON'T SAY ANYTHING, OKAY?
Falk

HI AND LOIS

YOU'RE THE BEST MOM IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!
MOTHER'S DAY IS TOMORROW, DITTO.
NOBODY MAKES BETTER COOKIES THAN YOU!
I SEE WHERE YOU'RE GOING.

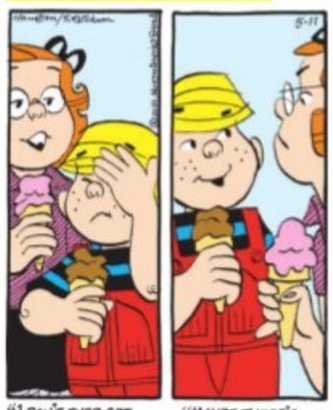
BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

TODAY THE BOSS ASKED ME TO SUBMIT A LIST OF IDEAS THAT WOULD BOOST OFFICE MORALE
I GOTTA SAY, HE'S ONE TOUGH COOKIE WHEN IT COMES TO ACCEPTING CREATIVE THINKING
HE SHOULD HAVE SPECIFIED RIGHT UP FRONT THAT CATERED COFFEE BREAKS WOULDN'T EVEN BE CONSIDERED

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE



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Medium: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

6	1	9	8	7	3	2	5	4
5	3	7	2	1	4	9	6	8
4	2	8	6	9	5	7	3	1
9	4	1	5	6	8	3	2	7
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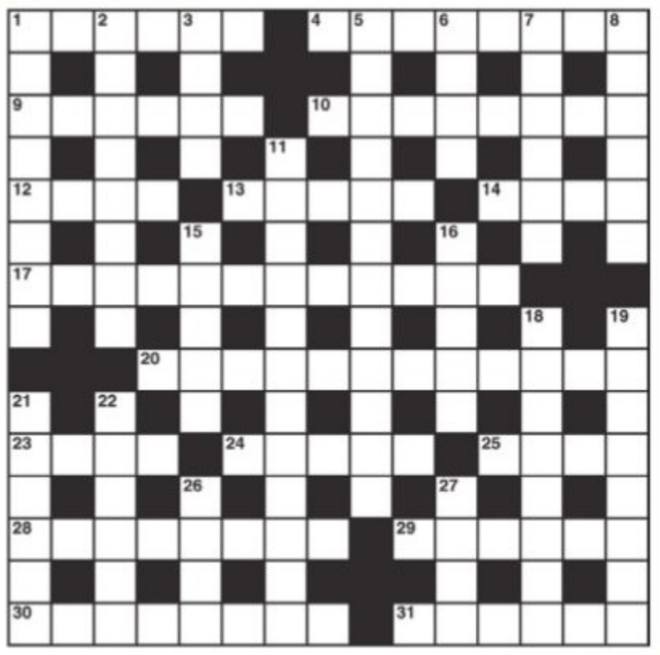

ACROSS
1 Choke that adjusts itself (6)
4 Bitterness shown by Army CO in trouble (8)
9 Roadworks in order (6)
10 Cut off with wrongly set compass (8)
12 Takes pleasure in excavations (4)
13 About to bet on a race (5)
14 Fruitless sort of raid (4)
17 Marvellously impressed? (12)
20 They need money to pursue their hobby (12)
23 Small number preceding on time (4)
24 A capital atmosphere in a small business house (5)
25 Work not for bread alone (4)
28 One can't sleep through it (8)
29 No rise for those more advanced in service (6)
30 Aviation spirits (8)
31 Make sharp attack upon Reformed Church (6)

DOWN
1 One way to get a rate reduction (4,4)
2 Poor inn I'd get organised properly (8)
3 Placed a cover outside (4)
5 Odd thing to say (6,6)
6 Anger about a point in the matter (2,2)
7 They have news or distribute it (6)
8 Admits defeat and returns (6)
11 Drops from hard work (12)
15 Agitated man gets put out (3,2)
16 Novelist and explorer (5)
18 Subject of reforming eastern nations (8)
19 See Corfu anyway, even if you have to press for it (3,5)
21 Close to a conclusion (6)
22 Mix us some dessert (6)
26 Foreigner? Nominally a man who raises fruit (4)
27 Block vote? (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Holes, 4 Trigger, 8 Add, 9 Escalator, 10 Decimal, 11 Cedar, 13 Rookie, 15 Stocks, 18 Pesos, 19 Regimen, 21 Priceless, 23 Tub, 24 Riposte, 25 Order.

Down: 1 Hoarder, 2 Ludicrous, 3 Steam, 4 Tackle, 5 Illicit, 6 Gut, 7 Rarer, 12 Decimated, 14 Insteps, 16 Sandbar, 17 Grieve, 18 Paper, 20 Gusto, 22 Imp.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LIYAD
NDTAS
TESLET
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Are you giving up fishing?
No. This rod and reel is worthless. I've got others.
4/15
HIS OLD FISHING POLE WAS NO LONGER USABLE, SO HE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:**
STAFF FURRY UNFOLD FLABBY
ANSWER: He knew a lot about car waxes and polishes and was considered to be a – BUFF BUFF

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Dr Jayakara SM, principal of AECS Maruthi College of Dental Sciences, Bengaluru, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences. The appointment, made by Governor Vajubhai Vala, will come into effect from June 15

FIR against actor for remarks on Brahmins

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KANNADA film actor **Chetan's** derogatory statement on Brahmins and Brahminism has snowballed into a controversy with a police complaint being lodged against him and minister Shivaram Hebbar demanding his arrest.

Recently, the actor had tweeted, "Brahminism is negation of the spirit of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. We must uproot Brahminism - #Ambedkar. 'While all are born as equals, to say that Brahmins alone are highest and all others are low as Untouchables is

sheer nonsense. It is a big hoax' - #Periyar". Besides, he had said Brahminism has killed the ideas of Basava and Buddha, and that Buddha had fought against Brahminism, in one of his videos.

A day after the Karnataka Brahmin Development Board filed a complaint with the Bengaluru Police Commissioner against the actor Chetan on Wednesday, an FIR has been registered against him at Basavanagudi police station. The FIR was registered following a complaint by Pawan Kumar Sharma, president of the Vipra Yuva Vedike.

On Friday, Minister Shivaram Hebbar said the actor's statement is against the Constitution. It looks like a publicity stunt and he will appeal to the Chief Minister to take suitable action, he said.

Congress launches '100 Not Out' stir against fuel prices

Leaders raise slogans outside petrol bunks

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah, KPCC president DK Shivakumar, Congress MLAs Dinesh Gundu Rao, RV Deshpande and Congress workers stage a protest against fuel price hike in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress on Friday launched its '100 Not Out' protest across Karnataka against the fuel price hike, to highlight the spiralling rates of petrol and diesel. The protest will go on for the next four days outside 5,000 petrol bunks. Opposition leader Siddaramaiah, KPCC president DK Shivakumar, Dinesh Gundu Rao and RV Deshpande demonstrated outside a petrol bunk in Seshadripuram, raising slogans against the Central government.

"PM Modi said acche din would come but we are seeing only hellish days. By hiking the price of fuel continuously, the government is financially oppressing the people who are reeling under economic losses due to the pandemic, like salary cuts and job losses. When Manmohan Singh was Prime Minister, BJP leaders, including Modi, had protested against fuel prices which were Rs 25-30 lower," Siddaramaiah said. The Congress plans to keep up the protests over the weekend, with Shivakumar heading to Chitradurga and Tiptur.

MLA Krishna Byre Gowda, who protested at Kodigehalli Gate on Airport Road, spoke of the impact of international crude rates on prices. "When the price of world crude oil was $130 and petrol price was Rs 70 during the UPA tenure, BJP had protested. Now, when crude prices are around $70, the BJP government should reduce fuel price to Rs 50, instead they have effected a steep, unjust hike." Other leaders too protested in different parts of the city.

Police arrested the leaders, who were later let off. Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "The Congress has the nature to break rules, they could have protested virtually instead." It may be recalled that Congress leaders had protested against fuel prices last February too, before the pandemic.

Centre happy with Covid response: BSY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hassan

A day after BJP Karnataka incharge Arun Singh making it clear that Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will as chief minister, the latter, who visited Hassan to review Covid situation, seemed relaxed.

Speaking to media persons before chairing the Covid-19 review meeting here on Friday, Yediyurappa, for the first time in the recent days, firmly said the Karnataka BJP incharge has clarified that there will be no change in guard in the state.

"The decision of the high command has increased my responsibility as senior leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have reposed their faith in me. The party leadership also has appreciated Karnataka's Covid response," he said.

Yediyurappa said he will tour all the districts and work hard in the interest of the state by taking all leaders into confidence.

'State faces financial crunch'

Expressing concern over the current financial situation in the state, the chief minister said that the government is making sincere efforts to improve the financial condition.

He said despite the pandemic, the state government is making sincere efforts to protect the interest of the common man and the poor by giving special packages to the people affected by the lockdown.

To a question, Yediyurappa said being a responsible elected representative, former minister and JDS leader H D Revanna should not give false statements on Covid-19 situation.

Collect rent from companies using Jakkur aerodrome, says minister

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@ Bengaluru

STATE government will issue notices to aviation companies and National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) for not paying rent for using Jakkur aerodrome. Sports Minister Narayana Gowda directed officials to issue notices to the firms to recover dues of Rs 4.04 crore with 18 per cent interest.

Asking officials to start Government Flying Training School at Jakkur from August, the minister also took them to task for not conducting survey on unauthorised high rise buildings around the training school area as per the guidelines of Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

Speaking to officials, Gowda said that many of the aviation companies including National Aerospace Laboratories, Jupiter Aviation, Deccan Charters Limited and Agni Aerosports Adventure Academy have not paid rent for past many years.

"Officials have to collect the dues. If need be, send a legal notice and collect the money, failing which action will be taken against the officials," the minister warned.

Dues from companies

National Aerospace Laboratories:	₹ 70,365
Jupiter Aviation	₹ 31,73,215
Deccan Charters Limited	₹ 2,87,72,298
Agni Aerosports Adventure Academy	₹ 42,16,881
TOTAL	₹ 4,04,49,640

plus 18 per cent interest

Gowda said that a section of Jakkur aerodrome has accommodated private aviation companies. Three months ago, the minister had directed officials to revise the rent and collect the pending dues from these companies. "If they do not pay, stop their commercial operations. We are collecting rents in hundreds, while the actual value of rent should have been in lakhs. Despite being directed to revise the rent, it has not been done," he said.

On building survey, Gowda said that as per DGCA guidelines, to ensure safety of flights, there are certain rules for high-rise buildings. The builder or owner of the high-rise has to obtain a 'No Objection Certificate' from the flying training school. But it has come to their notice that many of those buildings have come up without taking prior permission.

"We had told officials to conduct a survey and give the report on these building three months back. Till today, they have not been able to submit the report," he said and asked officials to conduct the survey immediately.

Gowda added that Captain Kamal Kishore has been appointed as the chief instructor.

DEVELOPING LANGUAGE

Seers meet DyCM, want Sanskrit varsity in Magadi

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@ Bengaluru

AT least 30 seers from various religious mutts met Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan and submitted a memorandum on the establishment of a Sanskrit university in Magadi taluk. During the discussion, the seers urged Narayan to appoint a Kannadiga as vice-chancellor of the Sanskrit varsity.

"They also felt that measures need to be taken for the dissemination of Sanskrit and to provide irrigation facilities in the districts of dry land regions (BayaluSeeme) of the state," said a statement from the DyCM's office. Sri Shantaveera Swami of Koladamatha, Sri Basavalinga Swami, Sri Shivakumara Shivacharya Swami of Tumakuru Hirematha and other seers were present.

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Notice for Proposed Transfer of Shares

NOTICE is hereby given that we have received the documents for Transfer of Shares (Old Transfer deed 7B) as per below:

SELLER FOLIO NO.	SELLER NAME	CERTIFICATE NOs.	DISTINCTIVE NO.	NO OF SHARES	BUYER NAME
S00971	SANATH KUMAR S G	224872 to 224873	10451941-10452040	100	YASHODA K P
S02086	SHRINIVAS U K	138882	6343341-6343390	50	YASHODA K P

The public is hereby warned against purchasing or dealing in any way, with the above Share Certificates. Any person(s) who has/have any claim(s) in respect of the said Share Certificate(s) should lodge such claim(s) with the Company / RTA i.e. Purva Sharegistry (India) Pvt. Ltd at its registered office at Unit No-9, Shiv Shakti Industrial Estate, J. R. Boricha Marg, Near Lodha Excelus, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai – 400 011, E-mail ID : support@purvashare.com within 30 days of publication of this notice, after which no claim will be entertained and the Company / RTA will proceed to transfer the above shares in the name of transferee.

for MAHA RASHTRA APEX CORPORATION LTD.,
Sd/- (J M PANDAY)
COMPANY SECRETARY & COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Place: BENGALURU
Date: 08-06-2021

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Bridges Department

Br.D.C.No.B3/0986/2020

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited for the following works in Two Cover System as per details furnished below

Demolition and reconstruction of Bridge across Otteri Nullah connecting Aspiran Garden II Street and Kilpauk Garden Road in Dn-98, Zone VIII.

Bid document will be available in website **http://tntenders.gov.in** till 3.00 PM on 15.07.2021 for online bidding. The bidders must possess Digital Signature Certificate for submission of bids through online in the above website.

Work Value : Rs.4.34 cr	EMD Amount : Rs.4,34,000/-
Pre-bid meeting date and Time : 01.07.2021 at 3.30 P.M.	
Last date and Time of Tender Submission : 15.07.2021 upto 3.00 P.M.	
Tender opening date and Time : 16.07.2021 at 3.30 P.M.	

DIPR/1745/Tender/2021

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E-mail: Bengaluru.ARD@bankofindia.co.in

E-AUCTION SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank Of India, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **15-07-2021,** for recovery of **Rs.3,05,77,431.75** (Rupees Three Crores Five Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty One and Paisa Seventy Five) as on **30-05-2018** plus uncharged interest from **31-05-2018** compounded with monthly rests for Housing loan and costs and other charges due to **Bank Of India, Malleshwaram Branch from Mr. Hariprasad Reddy V (Borrower).** The reserve price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder:

Reserve Price: Rs.2,11,54,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Eleven Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Only)

EMD: Rs.21,15,400/- (Rupees Twenty One lakhs Fifteen Thousand Four hundred only)

Description of the Immoveable Property : Equitable Mortgage of all the piece and parcel of the immovable property, Residential Flat bearing No. 104, First floor, situated in residential apartment known as "Palace Heights" situated at Corporation No. 19/7, PID No.78-119-19/7,Municipal No.19, Old Municipal No 21, Palace Cross Road, Melevella Houses, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore-560020 along with super built up area of 2250 sq ft. and undivided share of 946.80 sq ft in the land bearing corporation No. 19 (Old No.21), Palace Cross Road, Melevella Houses, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore-560020.Along with two covered car parks in the Basement Floor together with all common amenities owned by **Mr. V Hariprasad Reddy.** Boundaries: East by : K T Apartments, West by : D B S Apartments, North by: Palace Cross Road, South by: Chennai – Bangalore Rail Line.

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders.**

Date & Time of E-auction: **15-07-2021 between 11.00am to 05.00pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded).

Date : 08.06.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Bank of India

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SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS: 1. All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.316, forming a part Survey No.84/3, vide BDA approved plan No. BDA/TPM/31/12-13/64-67 dated 13.02.2013 situated at Doddangamangala village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk in the layout known as "Reliaable Gardeniaa", Bangalore, measuring on the East:30 feet, On the West: 30 feet, on the North: 50 feet, and on the South: 50 feet, totally admeasuring to 1500 sq.ft owned by Mr. A Suresh Kumar. Boundaries: East by : Site No.301, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 315, South by : Site No.317.

Reserve Price : Rs.45,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs only)
EMD Rs. Rs.4,50,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Thousand only)

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Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of India

SkyscendPay

SKYSCENDPAY ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF GST E-INVOICING SERVICES TO HELP BUSINESSES IN INDIA

India, June 11, 2021 – SkyscendPay, an industry-first B2B network built on blockchain, announced the launch of GST e-invoicing services for businesses working in India today.

Initially, the company will be offering e-invoicing, e-waybills and GST e-filing while enabling seamless integration, smart data validation, and easy management for the businesses. SkyscendPay is a state-of-the-art procurement platform powered by ABC (artificial intelligence, blockchain, and cloud) designed to revolutionize the procurement experience.

The e-invoicing solution is offered in three product variants – API-based, custom connectors, and web-based. Enterprises that use an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system like SAP, Oracle, Microsoft Dynamics can integrate with SkyscendPay's APIs to connect to the invoice registration portal (IRP).

The ERP connectors are also made available to push invoice details from ERP to GSTIN and back. Whether or not companies use any accounting software, they can leverage SkyscendPay's intuitive e-Invoicing web portal to import and submit PDF or paper-based invoices and receive digitally signed e-invoices and e-waybills (wherever required). Businesses of all sizes can use SkyscendPay's GST e-invoicing solution.

Speaking about the solution, Vinay Doggalli, the CEO of SkyscendPay India, said, "India, being one of the fastest-growing economies across the world, needs partners who can provide world-class procure-to-pay services. Our solution automates the invoicing process with the help of AI and OCR while ensuring a great degree of security and transparency, thanks to blockchain technology. For now, we are providing e-invoicing, e-waybill, and GST e-filing services and scale up operations shortly. We are confident our partners in India will immensely benefit from this service, which is designed to save them time, cost, and effort."

Under e-invoicing, customers can generate, cancel, retrieve, and print e-invoices and e-waybills. They will receive real-time notifications for inward and outward e-invoices.

SkyscendPay has partnered with Vayana Network to power e-invoicing services in India. Vayana Network is a Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN) authorized GST Suvidha Provider (GSP). This partnership, the ASP-GSP service, aims to assist Small & Medium Enterprises and large business houses in transitioning into GST while taking care of all compliances on behalf of the customers.

ABOUT SKYSCENDPAY

SkyscendPay is a secure SaaS-based procure-to-pay platform that automates resource-intensive invoice-processing by integrating with an existing ERP system. The platform, which is also available on the mobile, harnesses the power of artificial intelligence, blockchain, and OCR.

It eliminates manual invoice processing, thereby allowing buyers to streamline their accounts payable while accelerating the invoice approval process. Given the technology stack and offerings, SkyscendPay, compared to other platform providers, is far more equipped to revolutionize the procurement experience for every small to large enterprise.

SkyscendPay was recently chosen by CIO Applications magazine as a 'Top 10 Procurement Service Companies for 2021'. The recognition indicates SkyscendPay's potential to transform the procure-to-pay function while also congratulating the company for creating a world-class product.

SkyscendPay was founded by visionary leader Chayapathy Gangadarappa. After working for two decades in the Digital Supply Chain industry, he saw the opportunity to leverage cutting-edge technologies to 'make procurement easy, painless and transparent'. His strong technical prowess is supplemented with a deep understanding of current-day procure-to-pay business processes enabling SkyscendPay to challenge and improve the status-quo business processes through continuous innovation. He sees the confluence of mobility, optical character recognition, machine learning, artificial intelligence and blockchain technology as "THE" industry game changer for decades to come. As its Founder & President, Chayapathy is spearheading SkyscendPay to success by committing the firm to offer an exceptional customer experience. Hailing from a small town of Davanagere District in Karnataka, South India - he is a staunch believer in the motto of 'Work is Worship' which he continues to follow and promote religiously.

To learn more about SkyscendPay, please visit: https://skyscendpay.com/india/

About Vayana Network

Vayana Network is India's largest Supply Chain Financing platform that connects Corporates and their supply chains to Banks and Financial Institutions to enable easy, digital access to affordable trade financing of their receivables and payables. The Network has till date enabled over USD 6 billion in financing and covers 1,100 pin codes in over 350+ cities in India across 25+ industries, from manufacturing to e-commerce. Vayana GSP offers end-to-end services to ASPs and Corporates to meet their GST, E-way Bill and E-Invoicing compliance needs and is one of the largest GST Suvidha Providers (GSP). Today 1 out of every 5 E-Invoices are processed through Vayana GSP. The company is PCI DSS and ISO 27001:2013 compliant and is a winner of several awards for credit innovation and technology in India and abroad.

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TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

8,249 CASES REPORTED TODAY

11,042 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY	27,47,539
YESTERDAY	27,39,290

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
159	194

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
14,975	15,721

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
2,03,769	2,10,652

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	8.76%
YESTERDAY	8.78%

The day positivity rate – 4.86% is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.18%
YESTERDAY	1.18%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	91.39%
YESTERDAY	91.12%

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until June 11, 2021, a total of 27,47,539 cases have been reported in 1 year and 92 days...

1,64,68,975 Total doses administered in state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Number of people completing vaccination	29,73,804
Health care workers 1st dose	7,33,108
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,79,920
Frontline workers 1st dose	6,77,708
Frontline workers 2nd dose	2,23,726
Age 18-45 1st dose	27,21,505
Age 18-45 2nd dose	8,291
Above 45 1st dose	93,62,850
Above 45 2nd dose	22,61,867

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

1,154 BENGALURU URBAN

234 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot: 73	Chamarajanagar: 162	Dakshina Kannada: 506	Hassan: 733	Kolar: 179	Raichur: 61	Udupi: 215
Ballari: 189	Chikkaballapur: 168	Davanagere: 260	Haveri: 65	Koppal: 98	Ramanagara: 57	Uttara Kannada: 311
Belagavi: 436	Chikkamagaluru: 332	Dharwad: 217	Kalaburagi: 29	Mandya: 366	Shivamogga: 429	Vijayapura: 174
Bidar: 9	Chitradurga: 123	Gadag: 66	Kodagu: 189	Mysuru: 817	Tumakuru: 576	Yadgir: 21

ESSENTIAL SHOPS, LIQUOR OUTLETS TO STAY OPEN TILL 2 PM

Night, weekend curfew back in state; Scheduled weddings allowed with cap of 40 people

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

NIGHT and weekend curfews will make a comeback starting Monday in Karnataka, with the government making changes to the existing Covid-19 lockdown guidelines for 19 districts. While relaxation in the form of extended hours for essential shops, permission for manufacturing units with 50 per cent staff strength etc have been given, early night curfew has been imposed.

The official order for changes to the existing lockdown rules was issued on Friday afternoon. While the weekend lockdown will be in effect from 7pm Friday to 5am Monday, shops selling essential items like food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, meat and fish, dairy and milk booths, and animal fodder can function from 6am to 2pm. The movement of people is restricted during the curfew period, except in case of essentials or emergencies.

"Street vendors are allowed to function from 6am to 2pm. PDS shops are allowed from 6am to 2pm. Standalone liquor shops and outlets for takeaway only are allowed from 6am to 2pm," stated the order about what is permitted during the weekend lockdown. The same will be applicable for weekdays as well. Restaurants will be permitted to operate for takeaway or home delivery only.

A road barricaded in Kalasipalya during the statewide lockdown in Bengaluru on Friday. The city saw 1,154 fresh Covid-19 cases | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

No industries or manufacturing units, except those dealing with emergency and essential services, will be permitted during the weekend. But on weekdays, all industries and manufacturing units can function with 50 per cent attendance. Garment factories can function with 30 per cent staff. Marriages already scheduled can be conducted at homes in a low-key manner, involving only close family members, with a cap of 40 people, while cremations and funerals are allowed with a maximum of five people.

Home delivery of e-commerce services is allowed till June 21, when the fresh restrictions end. All construction activities, including shops selling steel and cement are permitted to open, as are optical shops. Repair works are restricted to civil works only. But shops selling non-essential items will remain prohibited. Parks will be opened between 5am and 10am. Taxis and autos are permitted but with a cap of two passengers.

In addition to the operating government offices, offices of agriculture and allied sectors, PWD, housing, RTOs, cooperation, NABARD and offices of the Revenue department, Government of India, are permitted to function with 50 per cent staff. Restrictions on private offices will continue and only essential staff of IT and ITeS companies and organisations are permitted to work from office. The exemptions will not apply to Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Davanagere, Mysuru, Chamarajanagara, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Bengaluru Rural, Mandya, Belagavi and Kodagu districts, where daily Covid-19 positivity rate is still high.

Random testing at Attibele border

Ranjani Madhavan @ Bengaluru: Once the curbs are eased from June 14, there will be random Covid-19 testing and surveillance done at Attibele border (bordering Tamil Nadu) where people are expected to start arriving for work in companies and industrial areas of Electronics City, Jigani, Bommasandra, and Peenya, Bengaluru Urban DC J Manjunath told TNIE. "People returning will be subjected to random checks and rapid antigen tests. We have a full-fledged set up from earlier when we conducted surveillance on people entering from Kerala and Maharashtra," he said. Random testing will also be done at industrial sites and companies. "Workers residing in dwelling units and near work sites will also be tested," he said.

Allow opening of malls: Traders' body

Bengaluru: The Shopping Centres Association of India (SCAI) has reached out to the government with an appeal to give parity and level the playing field while opening businesses. In a letter to CM B S Yediyurappa, the SCAI pointed out the financial loss incurred and jobs impacted, while seeking financial relief. SCAI said malls are better equipped to control crowds, ensure a hygienic environment and have trained workforce to implement guidelines. Mukesh Kumar, Chairman, SCAI, said, "Over 50 pc of mall owners, majority of standalone shopping centres, are at the risk of closure. We request the government to allow mall operations in Phase-1 of unlock and save the industry and thousands of jobs & livelihoods." ENS

More rapid tests at railway, bus stations to check returnees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AS a large number of people are likely to return to Bengaluru after the lockdown restrictions are lifted on June 14, the State Government is considering ramping up Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) at bus terminals, railway stations and the Kempegowda International Airport.

"As economic activities have to resume, people will return to the city. We are contemplating ramping up RAT tests at railway stations, bus terminals and airport," Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai told reporters when asked about concerns over increase in Covid-19 cases in Bengaluru once people start returning from elsewhere.

He said that earlier, there were concerns over the increase in cases in rural areas when people from Bengaluru went to their towns and villages after the lockdown was imposed. "Now, they have to return to the city as economic activities will restart", he said and added that the government is taking all steps to contain the spread of the virus.

While the number of Covid cases in Bengaluru and several other districts is coming down since the last few days, the positivity rate in many districts continues to be very high.

Bommai said the lockdown is being relaxed in some districts from June 14 and people should cooperate with the authorities to contain the spread of the virus and not prompt the police to use force.

Some relaxation in the lockdown restrictions has been announced to encourage economic activities, he added.

Athlete Ashwini Akkunji gets inoculated at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

Small hosps unable to get vaccine, govt not helping either

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SMALL and mid-sized hospitals, which played an important role in both the Covid-19 waves, have been left out of the vaccination drive. Hospitals with 30-40 beds are not carrying out vaccination for the public as they are unable to procure doses from the suppliers.

Hospital heads point out that only big corporate hospitals are procuring vaccines from pharma companies as they are able to pay up money in one go, which mid-sized hospitals are unable to do. Despite several pleas to the State government, nothing has worked, they say. Just before the vaccination drive was rolled out for the 18-45 age group on May 1, the central government had announced that private hospitals should procure their own vaccines, which hit the smaller hospitals hard. Earlier, the State government was supplying vaccines to private hospitals.

Dr Jagadish Hiremath, intensivist and medical director of ACE Suhas Multi-Speciality Hospital said, "Since May, we have been approaching both vaccine manufacturers and have got no response. We had requested for 15,000 doses of Covishield and around 3,000 doses of Covaxin, and have been sending emails and other communication from April, but with no result."

Members of Private Hospital and Nursing Association, Indian Medical Association and Association of Healthcare Providers in India also pleaded with the government to help small hospitals, but only got assurances.

Dr Hiremath said his hospital is located in Jigani, an industrial area, where several factory and garment factories come, asking to be vaccinated. "Many factory employees are not getting slots or are not tech-savvy, so they go to government hospitals and are often sent back as stocks are over. They come to us, but we have no vaccines." Dr Ravindra R, director of Suguna Hospital and past president of PHANA, said, "There is no plausible reason for the government to allow private hospitals to buy 25 per cent of vaccines from companies, it only helps vaccine manufacturers and a few privileged hospital chains to make money by cornering all the available vaccines. The government sector is sitting on 75 per cent of the vaccines, without adequate infrastructure and capability of reaching the masses. The policy excluded mid-sized and small hospitals from the vaccination programme and derailed the smooth drive that was going on before May 1."

Black fungus: 90 surgeries performed at KIMS

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH @ Hubballi

DOCTORS at the **Karnataka Institute of Medical Science (KIMS)** in Hubballi have performed more than 90 surgeries on patients infected with mucormycosis (black fungus) in the last three weeks — the highest in the region.

Patients infected with mucormycosis from the district and severely-ill patients from neighbouring districts are currently being treated at KIMS. In the second wave of Covid-19, 147 black fungus patients have been admitted to KIMS so far of which 18 have been discharged and 8 patients have died. About 120 patients are still being treated at the hospital. In addition to this, KIMS is seeing 4 to 5 new admissions each day.

KIMS Director Dr Ramalingappa Antaratani said, "We have a team of experts to treat such cases. No other institute or hospital has performed so many surgeries." In the beginning, the hospital faced shortage of Amphotericin-B, the drug used to treat patients suffering from black fungus. The government, however, allowed usage of other drugs to treat the infection and now, the hospital has enough stock of the medicines required.

Dr Raveendra Gadag, head of ENT Department, KIMS, said most of the patients require surgery. "In endoscopic surgery, we remove the damaged part and treat the patients. Apart from the regular medicines, surgery will help patients to recover fast. Eighteen patients have been discharged. A few have been undergoing treatment at the hospital for the last four weeks," he added.

New Covid-19 cases drop to 8,000 range

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AFTER almost two months, Karnataka's Covid cases have dropped to the 8,000 range. On Friday, it dropped again to 8,249 new cases. Bengaluru Urban district too saw fewer cases at 1,154. Back on April 13, 8,778 cases were reported after which there was a significant increase in daily cases.

During the month of March, Karnataka's cases were hovering between 1,200-5,000 every day. However, in April, the cases started to shoot up. On April 13, the state recorded 8,778 cases after which the cases kept increasing and on April 30, there were 48,296 cases. Meanwhile, the month of May continued to report high number of cases, with May 5 recording the highest at 50,112 cases. Karnataka's cases only fell below the 10,000 mark on June 8 when it recorded 9,808 cases. The lowest after two months was recorded on Friday.

60 deaths in 30 days! Villagers, official differ over cause

C A ITNALMATH @ Athani

BADACHI, a small village in Belagavi district, has reported as many as 60 deaths in a span of one month, and residents fear that most of them succumbed to Covid-19. Badachi, located in Athani taluk, has a population of a little over 7,000.

Residents say that most of the people who died showed symptoms of Covid-19 and that they were unable to avail treatment in multi-speciality hospitals owing to poverty. Also, a few did not approach any hospital, fearing social stigma and discrimination associated with Covid-19.

The village elders rue that the deaths are still a matter of concern and the number of cases, too, are increasing. They blamed health department officials and Anganwadi workers for failing to create awareness on Covid-19 among the villagers. According to norms laid out by the government, Anganwadi teachers and health workers should survey the village and raise awareness on Covid-19 among the residents. "The authorities concerned failed to perform their duties," says a resident of the village.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) L S Bhagennavar admitted that 60 people died in the village in the past month. He, however, said only four of them died due to Covid-19 and the rest due to other diseases and old age. Bhagennavar, however, said he was not satisfied with the efforts put in by health and Anganwadi workers deputed on Covid-19 duty in the village.

Athani Tahsildar Dundappa Komar said he has received several complaints from villagers about the "negligent attitude" of the health and Anganwadi workers, and he has directed the PDO to conduct and inquiry. Komar said he will initiate action only after the PDO submits the report.

A DIFFERENT ROLE

MLA Dr Anjali Nimbalkar drives an ambulance in Khanapur on Friday. Nimbalkar donated three ambulances to the Khanapur Civil Hospital using money from the MLA Local Area Development Fund. "I feel the pressure that the ambulance drivers face while ferrying patients to hospitals," she said after the drive

HELPING FORCE

ANF's combing ops, relief work go hand in hand

PRAJNA G R @ Madikeri

WEARING their trademark camouflage, Anti-Naxal Force (ANF) commandos are usually involved in combing operations inside the thick forests. However, during the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic, the commandos are also carrying out humanitarian work by helping poverty-stricken residents of villages located along forest fringes.

Kodagu district is home to many tribals who reside deep inside forests and lead a sustainable life. With no government ID cards, many of them can't avail the benefits of government schemes and their lives are mostly untouched by urbanisation. Nevertheless, the pandemic has affected their livelihood and their troubles are now being addressed by ANF personnel.

"While carrying out combing operations in forests, we identify poor families. With help from ANF Superintendent B Nikhil, we are distributing food kits to such families," explained Shashikumar, ANF SI, based in Bhagamandala. A list of beneficiaries has been submitted by the commandos to the ANF, and food kits are arranged by the force. "Once we receive the food kits, we walk to the villages and distribute the kits," he added.

Across Kodagu, ANF commandos have so far distributed nearly 100 food kits. "We distributed nearly 60 food kits in Bhagamandala, Aarji and Kutta villages. This year, we have just started the initiative and distributed nearly 40 food kits," Shashikumar added.

Meanwhile, the ANF has also donated oxygen concentrators to rural hospitals in Bhagamandala, Kutta and Aarji villages. "Many have come forward to give donations to poverty-stricken families located in Naxal-affected areas in other districts. However, there are no sponsors in Kodagu, hence ANF is donating kits," he said.

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Shashikumar, ANF SI

ANF personnel donate a relief kit to a woman residing in a forest in Kodagu district

HC raps govt over Baig's properties

Asks about delay in deciding on attachment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Friday slammed the State Government over the delay in taking a decision on attaching the properties of former minister **R Roshan Baig**, who is an accused in the IMA ponzi scam, under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (KPIDE) Act, even two months after the court passed the order to do so.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj granted the government two weeks' time to take a decision on the matter.

Referring to its earlier order, the court noted that it had directed the State Government on April 4, 2021, to reconsider its decision over attachment of the political leader's properties, while recording its hesitation to take the decision. However, the government has not complied with the directions. This is a case where a large number of investors have been affected. "We are surprised that the State Government has not taken a decision for two months," the court said.

Meanwhile, the government submitted a notification dated June 10, 2021, to constitute a special court to try cases registered under the KPIDE Act.

Meanwhile, the CBI's counsel informed the court that it has completed investigation in all cases related to the IMA scam, and it is submitting its requisition to the state government shortly, to accord sanction to prosecute IPS officer Ajay Hilori.

HC asks legal services authority to visit prisons

The High Court on Friday directed the secretaries of the District Legal Services Authority to conduct surprise visits to prisons in their jurisdiction and check the facilities provided to inmates in visitor galleries. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order during suo motu proceedings and directed the secretary of the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) to communicate this order to the district cells. They should submit a report to the court through the KSLSA secretary in a month, the High Court said.

Assaulted, bizman accuses police of not filing FIR

MG CHETAN @ Bengaluru

A 40-year-old businessman, who was allegedly assaulted over a financial dispute, has alleged that the Halasur Gate police did not register an FIR against the accused. He submitted a petition to DG & IGP Praveen Sood on Friday seeking justice.

Imran Shariff has stated that one, Faizal, who had a business transaction with his elder brother, had to return Rs 7.50 lakh. Shariff alleged that the money was not returned, despite repeated reminders for more than a year and Faizal was threatening him and his brother.

Around 2 am on May 15, Faizal called him over the phone, demanding he should come out of the house, claiming he wanted to give the money back. When Shariff went out, he found Faizal had come with his brother Fawad and another person. "They threatened me with dire consequences if we asked for the money to be returned. I called 'Hoysala', who reached the spot. After the police dispersed them and left, the trio returned and assaulted me. I sustained serious injury near my left eye," Shariff told *TNIE*, adding that he got treatment at a private hospital and went to Halasur Gate police station with his brother on May 16 morning.

"We were made to wait till the Inspector came, but he responded positively after hearing my complaint. He asked his assistant to register an FIR and left. Meanwhile, we found Faizal entering the office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Halasur Gate sub-division. After Faizal left the office, ACP Najma Farooqi called us and started shouting at us. She instructed her staff not to file an FIR. The police took my case as non-cognisable report," Shariff alleged.

When *TNIE* contacted the ACP, she, however, said the FIR was registered as the complainant had not mentioned that he was assaulted and there was only a verbal fight. "The Hoysala staff has given a report stating that the complainant was drunk when they reached the spot and there were no injuries on him. Hence, they dispersed those who were there at the spot and returned. It was found that the complainant had fallen and injured himself," she added.

CRIME PATROL

Man snatches woman's gold chain

Bengaluru: An unidentified man snatched a gold chain from a woman in Vijayanagar police station limits. The incident took place at 6 am last Friday when MK Mohanakumari (43) came out of her house. The man, aged 25-30, allegedly snatched her mangalsutra worth Rs 1.50 lakh and fled. Police are investigating.

Two arrested for stealing two-wheelers

Bengaluru: Tilaknagar police have arrested two youths for bike-lifting, and seized 13 vehicles. The prime accused, Arbaz Khan (20), would steal scooters to perform stunts on them. He has stolen 65 scooters in three months. His friend, Hanis Mohammed (bottom right), helped him break locks of parked vehicles.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWP & IWTD Ramanagara Special Division, Ramanagara.

Short Term Postponed Tender Notification No. 01(1)/21-22 Date : 09-06-2021

SHORT TERM POSTPONED TENDER NOTIFICATION

This Office Tender Notification No. 01/2021-22 dated : 26-04-2021 Postponed Due to some Technical reasons. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal https://www.eproc.karnatak.gov.in Documents may be downloaded from 11-06-2021 to 12-07-2021.

The Last Date for Tender Submission of tender : 12-07-2021 upto 16.00 hours. Pre-bid Meeting : 01-07-2021 at 16.30 hrs. Date of Opening of Technical Bid : 13-07-2021 (If possible) at 16.30 hours. Tender Processing Fees. EMD as per E-procurement. For further information contact the undersigned during Office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Ramanagar/40A/Manipal/2021-22 PWP & IWTD Spl. Division, Ramanagara.

Mangaluru City Corporation
Lalbagh, M.G Road, Mangalore- 575 003, Karnataka, India.
Phone: 0824 2220313-18, Fax: 0824 222031 Website: www.mangalurucity.mrc.gov.in
MCC/HS/CR-210/2021-22/G-12 Date: 10.06.2021

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Mangaluru City Corporation (MCC), Mangaluru invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from registered firms / agencies / registered partnership firms for display of sustainable technologies for processing of wet and dry waste by Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer (**DBFOT**)/ Public-Private Partnership (**PPP**) at Pachanady Centralized Solid Waste Management Plant.
At present, Mangaluru City Corporation generates about 300-350 TPD of solid waste. The space for operation/management of wet waste would be provided by MCC on lease to the successful bidder.
Pre bid meeting: **22.06.2021 @ 15.00 hrs**, Last date for submission of EOI: **25.06.2021, @ 17.30hrs**, Date of EOI bid opening: **28.06.2021.**
For any additional information please contact Health Section during office hours. Contact No: 7411842856/ 9449841153, Email Id: mcchealth2018@gmail.com
Sd/- Commissioner, Mangaluru City Corporation

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E-AUCTION SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **BANK OF INDIA,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **15-07-2021,** for recovery of **Rs.51,73,568.90** (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight And Paise Ninety)+ interest @ **8.50 % p.a.** with monthly rests from **13-11-2017** for Housing loan, and costs and other charges due to **BANK OF INDIA, Asset Recovery Branch from Mr. Gopinath E (Borrower),.The reserve price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder:**

Reserve Price: Rs.45,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs)
EMD: Rs.4,50,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Thousand)

Description of the Immoveable Property : All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat bearing Flat No. TF-2, 3rdFloor, MSR Nigam Apartment, Site No. 115, Old Khatha No. 150, BBMP Khatha No. 597/4548/2516/115/150, PID No. 130-M0099-163, situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560056, with 1350 sq.ft. of super built up area, 300 sq.feet of undivided right, title and interest in land, together with one covered car parking, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, owned by **Mr. Gopinath E. Boundaries:** East by : Road, West by: Site no.116, North by : Site no.114 South by : Road

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders**

Date & Time of E-auction: **15-07-2021 between 11.00am to 05.00pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded).

Date : 08.06.2021 Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Bank of India

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DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below- classified as NPA
We have to inform you that you whose Name & Address mentioned here in below had availed following credit facilities from **Union Bank of India, AKSHAYANAGARA Branch,** offering the property, mentioned here in below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to you demanding the due amount

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Mr. R Venkatesh Prop: M/s GAJANANA ENTERPRISES, 2) Mrs. Kanthamma W/o Ramachandraiah, Both are R/at No. 26/2, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Near Ganesha temple, Singasandra, Bangalore 560068.

Name of Facility Amount Due

Sl No	Facility/ Loan	Limits Sanctioned (Rs in Lakhs)	Outstanding Balance (Rs in Lakhs)
1	Term Loan	5.00	2.85

Amount Outstanding : A/c Type Term Loan, of **Rs.2,85,124.93/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty Four and Ninety Three paise only) with subsequent interest as per the agrement (s).
NPA Date: 30.04.2021 Demand Date : 15.05.2021
Description Of The Secured Assets:
All the piece and parcel of Residential Property belonging to Mrs. Kanthamma (Owner of the Property), bearing Khatha No. 26/2, situated at 1st main, 6th cross, Singasandra village, Beguru Hobli, Bangalore South and bounded by : East : Property of Chandrappa, West : Road and remaining portion of the donor, North : Property of Dodda Abbaiah, South : Property of Sreenivasa Reddy.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Mr. Hanumantha Rao Medarmela, 2) Mrs. Ragha Rao M, Both are R/at Flat No.202, Akshaya Towers, Madeenaguda, Hydrabad, Telengana 500049. **3) Mrs. Neeraja M,** No. 50/B, 001, Queens Elegance, 18th Main, Opp HSR Club, HSR Layout Sector 3, Bangalore 560102.

Name of Facility Amount Due

Sl No	Facility/ Loan	Limits Sanctioned (Rs in Lakhs)	Outstanding Balance (Rs in Lakhs)
1	Housing Loan	75.00	59.58

Amount Outstanding : A/c Type Housing Loan, of **Rs.59,57,975.24/-** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five and Twenty Four paise only) with subsequent interest as per the agrement (s).
NPA Date: 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 09.04.2021
Description Of The Secured Assets:
All the piece and parcel of Residential Property belonging to Mr. Hanumantha Rao Medarmelta bearing Flat No. 101, Sunrise Dwelling apartment, 1st Floor at Site No. 23, Municipal No. 1017 (Old No. 19/23) and Eastern portion of Site No. 24, Municipal No. 1015 (Old No. 17/24), amalgamated BBMP Katha No. 1017, formed in property No. 188 & 189, situated at Gururaja Layout, Doddanekkundi Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore having super built up area of 1790 S.ft and undivided share of 300 S.ft and bounded by : East : Road, West : Private Property, North : Road, South: Private Property.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Mr. Joseph I, Prop: M/s MARIYA ENTERPRISES, No.39/1, 1st Cross, Chamundeshwarinagar, Beguru, Bangalore 560068, 2) Mrs. Rebeka Joseph W/o Mr. Joseph I, Both are R/at No.90/1, Chamundeshwari Nagar, Deverechikkanahalli Main Road, Begur, Bangalore 560068

Name of Facility Amount Due

Sl No	Facility/ Loan	Limits Sanctioned (Rs in Lakhs)	Outstanding Balance (Rs in Lakhs)
1	Secured Overdraft	24.00	24.08

Amount Outstanding : A/c Type. Secured Overdraft, of **Rs.24,08,180.72/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty and Seventy Two paise only) with subsequent interest as per the agrement (s).
NPA Date: 30.04.2021 Demand Date : 15.05.2021
Description Of The Secured Assets:
All the piece and parcel of Residential Property belonging to Mr. Joseph I (Owner of the Property), bearing Site No. 46/A, V P Khatha No. 295/2, Situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Site measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet and bounded by : East : Property No.47, West : Road, North : Road, South : Property No. 46

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 10.06.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Union Bank of India

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E –TENDER NOTICE
Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Pathanamthitta.
E-Tender ID_2021_KSEB_425556_1, Construction of building for Mallappally, Electrical Sub Division and Section Offices.
PAC - Rs 88,40,077/- Last date -23.06.2021 – 3pm.
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RO No. 431 Date: 11.06.2021
e-TENDER NOTICE
The office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Maneri Bhali Stage-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :
Tender No: NIT- 23/EE(M)/MB-II/21-22
Name of work/Supply/Services: Annual/Capital Maintenance of Machine No-1,2,3,4, of Dharasu Power House for the year 2021-22.
Estimated cost: Rs 5,76,89,151.00 only + GST extra
Date of availability of bid document on website:- 18.06.2021 from 16:00 Hrs.
Last date for submission of bids on website:- 15.07.2021 up to 16:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in
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NOTICE NO.19-CECNMS-2021-E-142235 DATED 04-06-2021
NOTICE NO.20-CECNMS-2021-E-142675 DATED 04-06-2021
NOTICE NO.21-CECNMS-2021-E-151529 DATED 04-06-2021
The Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and **only online tenders will be accepted.** The cost of the tender form and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available in the website by the way of multiple bank's net banking, debit card and credit card.

(1) Name of the Work : Proposed new BG line between Chinnasalem and Kallakurichi - Proposed Construction of Limited Use Subways including road approaches. (TWO PACKET SYSTEM)
Approximate Cash Value (Rupees) : 14405068.95
Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees) : 0.0 **Period of Completion in Months :** 12
Closing Date @ 15.30 hrs : 28.06.2021

(2) Name of the Work : Ponmalai Workshop : Proposed construction of New POH facilities for maintenance of LHB coaches. Pink book item No.1087 c-UW1 of 2018-2019.
Approximate Cash Value (Rupees) : 97963077.91
Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees) : 0.0 **Period of Completion in Months :** 9
Closing Date @ 15.30 hrs : 28.06.2021

(3) Name of the Work : Gauge Conversion work in Madurai & Bodinayakkanur Section : (I) Construction of Passenger Platform at Bodinayakkanur & Goods Platform at TENI (II) Construction of one High Level Reservoir for coach watering (III) Earthwork in Widening, Raising of existing Formation of BG standard at the approaches of LUS No.79 (Ch:84700) to 81 (Ch:88700) in between TENI (excl) and BODINAYAKKANUR (excl) Stations. (TWO PACKET SYSTEM)
Approximate Cash Value (Rupees) : 151478124.66
Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees) : 0.0 **Period of Completion in Months :** 6
Closing Date @ 15.30 hrs : 28.06.2021

(4) Name of the Work : Gauge conversion work between Tiruturaipundi-Agastiyampalli Section : Construction of Retaining wall, Supplying, filling and compaction of gravelly soil between KXX-AGX, formation of road, finishing work for the station building such as VDY, TOY & AGX Stations in Reach-II between Ch:24000 to Ch:37397.
Approximate Cash Value (Rupees) : 84936106.25
Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees) : 0.0 **Period of Completion in Months :** 6
Closing Date @ 15.30 hrs : 28.06.2021

For further details, please refer to website portal **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Construction, E.V.R. High Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.
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R.O. No. 428 **Corrigendum No. 1** Dt 10-06-2021
The amendment to the RFP and BOQ of below mentioned e-NIT are uploaded along with the revised schedule as hereunder:
Tender No. : 01/DGM(IT)/2021-22
Name of work : Maintenance and Support of SAP ERP at UJVN Limited.
Date of availability of amended bid document on website : 11/06/2021
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Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact : 96461 - 22185)
Tender Enquiry No. 234/2021 Dated : 10.06.2021
Dy. CE / Substation Design / TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender For **MANUFACTURING, TESTING, SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 220V-100AH DC Battery Chargers.** For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 14.06.2021 (11.00 AM onwards).**
Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
280/C-226-21-6/11/2021
76155/12/307/2021/5263

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Uppar Bhadra Project, Division No.04, Hosadurga.
Ph/Fax: 08199 –230018 E-Mail: eeubpdvn4@gmail.com
No: EE/UBP/VJNL/D.4/DRIP/TD-03,04&05/2021-22 Dt: 08.06.2021
TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Only through E-Procurement System)
Percentage tender on Turn Key Basis through e-portal in two cover system is invited by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No. 4 Hosadurga on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, from the eligible contractors who fulfils the pre-qualification conditions for the mentioned below works.
"Survey, Design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of micro irrigation system under Chitradurga Branch canal comprising gravity bulk feeders, Construction sump cum pump house, supplying and installation of pumping machineries, terminal bay, Electrical substation , Electrical power line and other appurtenant works including construction of pipe distribution network and automated drip irrigation system for providing Irrigation facility coming under Chitradurga Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project with all accessories operation and maintenance for 5 years after the date of Completion and transfer (BOMT) on turnkey basis"
(1) 12929 ha. under Block-1 (1A, 1B & 1C) filling up of 50 No of tanks. (2) 20399 ha. under Block-2 & 3 (2A, 2B, 2C,2D,2E&3) filling up of 35 No of tanks. (3) 7421 ha. under Block-4 (4A, 4B, 4C & 4D) filling up of 17 No of tanks.
The Contractors can access and download the completed bid, documents through e- procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 10.06.2021. Details such as Amount put to tender/qualification of Bidders/ Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained through e-procurement or from the office of the under signed during the office hours up to 14.06.2021 up to 4.00 PM. Pre bid meeting will be held on 15.06.2021 on O/o Managing Director, VJNL, Embassy square, Bangalore at 11.00 AM. The date of submission for completed tenders is 22.06.2021 up to 4.00 PM. The tenders will be opened on 23.06.2021 @ 4.30 PM at the office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No.04, Hosadurga through e-procurement. The date of opening of Financial Bid will be intimated to the qualified bidders.
RO No. 176: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2021-22 Sd/- Executive Engineer

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Executive Engineer KIADB, Zonal Office, 1st stage Mundaragi Industrail Area, Bengaluru Road, Ballari. **E-Mail. doballari@kiadb.in.**
No: KIADB /Z.O/Allot/EE/BLR/96/2021-22. Date: 10-06-2021.

NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board, a statutory body constituted under KIAD Act, 1966 with the object to establish Industrial layout, Industrial Housing layout and promoting orderly development of industries in the State.
KIAD Board has developed Industrial Housing layout comprising of Housing sites and Independent Houses in a extent of 253.32 Acres at various Sy.No's of Yermarus and Potgal villages of Raichur Taluk and Raichur District.
Notification for allotment of Housing was issued on 08/02/2019 and 08/09/2020 at the rates fixed by the Board. Due to public demand the rates are revised in the Board meeting held on 06/03/2021 and directions are issued to take action.

Revised Rates are as below.

Sl. No.	Category	No of Tenements	Plinth area in Sqmtrs	Previous Cost (Rs in Lakhs)	Revised Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
1	LIG - 9m x 12m	150	56.54	25.00	20.00
2	MIG - 9m x 15m	75	66.89	31.50	26.00
3	HIG - 12m x 18m	30	105.92	46.50	40.00

I. Eligibility Criteria:
1. Applicant should be a citizen of India.
2. Applicant should be a domicile of Karnataka for not less than 5 years prior to the date of notification.
3. Applicant should have attained the age of 18 years as on the date publication of notification.
4. Allotment of Housing tenements will be on outright sale basis.
5. Preference will be given to entrepreneurs/ industrialists/ industrial workers.

II. Payment Schedule:
1. The applicant shall pay Rs. 2000/- as application fee and Rs.5000/- as EMD.
2. The applicant shall remit 20% cost of Tenements as initial deposit within 30days on receipt of the intimation.
3. Balance 80% of the cost of Housing Tenements shall be remit within 90 days from the date of issue of allotment letter.

III. Application may be obtained and submitted in the following offices:

Sl. No.	Name of the Office	Office Address
1	Office of the Executive Engineer	Executive Engineer KIADB, Zonal Office, 1st stage Mundaragi Industrial Area, Bengaluru Road, Ballari. Mob No: 9164214452.
2	Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer	Assistant Executive Engineer, KAIDB Zonal office, Plot No. 49, KIADB, I.A. Hyderabad Road, Raichur. Ph No. 7019880916.

III. General Condition:
1. The applicant shall submit the duly filled application within 30 days from the date of this notification.
2. Application received after the due date will not be considered.
3. Last date for submission of application is 10.07.2021.
4. The application forms are also available in our website www.kiadb.in
5. All rights in respect of the said allotment is reserved with the Board.

Sd/- Executive Engineer KIADB, Ballari.

Bank of India

Bengaluru Zone: #11, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-09 Tel: 080-2295 9407/08, Fax: 080-22289054

E-AUCTION SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **BANK OF INDIA**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **15.07.2021** for Recovery of **Rs.51,08,650/-** (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Eight Thousand Six Hundred And Fifty) **+ interest @ 9.05% p.a.** compounded with monthly rests from **16.11.2019** Housing Loan and costs and other charges due to **BANK OF INDIA, Electronic City Branch** from **Mr. Srinivasa Murthy (Borrower). The Reserve Price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder.**

Schedule A property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential immovable property bearing BBMP Khata No.2561/2047/4/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196 situated at Padma Upadya Layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk formed in the residentially converted land bearing Sy. No.31,32/1 and 35 of Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 31.12.1973,No.ALN.SR.2017/1970-71 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 70ft and North to South 120ft to admeasuring 8400sq ft and the property bounded by: East by: Road, West by : Road, North by : Site No.197 & Site No. 222, South by: Site No.194 & Site No. 225.

Schedule B property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (Residential Flat) No. G-105,Ground floor, South facing in the residential apartment complex building known as "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" with a super builtup area of 1200 sqft together with 290sq.ft of undivided share of right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" property with one covered car parking space in the Stilt Floor and the building is of RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Floors, Sal Wood Doors and Aluminum Windows and separate electricity connections, common water and sanitation, including all rights, privileges there to and constructed on the property bearing BBMP Khata No. 2561/ 2047/ 4/ 31/ 32/ 1/ 35 /224 /223 /195/196 situated at Padma Upadya Layout, Nagadevanahalli village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk formed in the residentially converted land bearing Sy. Nos. 31, 32/1 and 35 of Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 31.12.1973 No.ALN.SR.2017/1970-71 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of BBMP owned by Mr. Srinivas Murthy.

Reserve Price : Rs.42,50,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)

EMD Rs. Rs. 4,25,000/-(Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Only)

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders**

Date & Time of E-auction: **15-07-2021 between 11.00am to 05.00pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 08.06.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of India

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SALEM DIVISION (SIGNAL & TELECOM BRANCH)

E-Tender Notice No.SA-SG-OT-04-2021 dated 10.06.2021

Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Co-ord/Southern Railway/ Salem Division, Salem - 636 005 invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for WORKS in Salem Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** and only online tenders will be accepted.

Sl. No.1; Tender No. : SA-SG-120-I-OT-04-2021

Name of work : Provision of S & T arrangements for Additional loop line at Tirupattur (TPT) station on UP line as common loop with PF and FOB in Salem Division.

Approximate Cost of the Work (in Rupees) : 90,62,760.00

Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees) : 0.

Cost of tender form including tax (in Rupees) : 0.

Eligibility criteria for similar single work previously executed : Applicable.

Period of Completion in months : Nine months.

Tender closing date and time : 08.07.2021 at 15.00 hrs.

Note : It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any corrigendum is issued for any correction, deletion or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website and the same shall be taken into account while uploading the tender. For further details please visit **www.ireps.gov.in**

Details of approximate value of tender, tender form cost, EMD & location are given on the e-portal, **"www.ireps.gov.in"**

For other details, terms and conditions, the tenderers are advised to refer to the Tender documents which are available at **"www.ireps.gov.in"** website.

Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Co-ord/ Southern Railway/Salem - 636 005.

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KARNATAKA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD

No. 16, 2nd Bajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
Phone : 080-2286 7369, Fax : 080-2286 3962,
E-mail : cgmksamb@gmail.com

Tender No.: KSAMB/LEVI/NITE-Tender/AWCTION35/20-21 Date : 11-06-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board, Bengaluru is inviting e-bidding through E-procurement Portal from **Nationalized Banks & Regional Rural Banks for Placing Surplus Funds in Fixed Deposits.** The detailed information can be obtained from **https://www.karnataka.gov.in** portal.

Sd/- Chief General Manager,
KSAMB, Bengaluru.

DIPR/Urban/532/Manipal/2020-21

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Government of Karnataka

RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division Belagavi Near Krishna Devaraya Circle, 1st Floor of PRED Division, Nehru Nagar -590010

E-mail : ee.rws.bgm@gmail.com Phone : 0831–2420835 / 2420836

No.RDW&S/ BGM/PB-2,3,4/TND- 07/KW- 4/2021-22/ 649 Dated: 11-06-2021

ITEM RATE RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT)

The Tender Notification no..RDW&S/ BGM/PB-2,3,4/TND- 01/KW-4/2021-22/ 100 Dated: 19-04-2021 has been earlier published from this office has been retendered as below.

1)Tender Pre – Bid Meeting will be held on 21-06-2021 at 11.30 AM. At Office of Executive Engineer, R.W.& S.Division, Belagavi 2)Last date & time for receipt of tenders : 23-06-2021 before 05:30PM 3)Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: 25-06-2021 after 11:00AM 4) Date & time for opening of Financial Bid : After technical bid is approved **INDENT No.:- 29468/Call-3,**

Note: Other conditions, eligibility criteria are as published in e-procurement portal. More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through website by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.

Sd/- Executixe Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Belagavi.

DIPO/BGM/RONO.171/21-22

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA

(Karnataka Rural water supply & Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Division Kalaburgi-585105

Phone No: 08472-278634/256944, Email:eerwssglb14@gmail.com

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2021-22/410 Dated : 08.06.2021

E-PROCURMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below.

The Tender Document with detailed condtions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only

1) Name of work : Afzalapur Taluka-01 (Indent No 33847). 2) Head of A/C : Jal Jeevan Mission 2020-21. 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-II & above. 4) Tender Amount: Min 2,13,42,690/-, Max 2,13,42,690/-. 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: 06-05-2021 11:00am. 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal. 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal : 18-06-2021 4.00 pm. 8) Pre Bid meeting date : 11-06-2021 11.00 am. 9) Opening of Techincal Bid : 21-06-2021 4.01pm. 10) Opening of Financial Bid : 23-06-2021 11:00am. 11) Address forany clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitaion Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/280/MC&A/2021-22

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST DOCUMENT

My client Smt. Sumitra Devi W/o late Lakshmanswamy .B.N. Resident of No.155, Main Road, Jeevanahalli, Coxtown, Bangalore-560005. Is the absolute owner of the schedule property. My client has irretrievable lost the original sale deed dated: 21.06.2006, executed by Smt. Margaret Dass. with respect to the schedule property, registered as document No. BLN-1-17819-2006-07, in Sub Registrar Office, Bangalore North Taluk. My client has lodged a Police Complaint for Lost Article on 10.06.2021 bearing Lost Report No.105292/2021, SI No.1026373. with Crime Branch, BCP.

If any person/s found the said original sale deed please come forward with in 7 days from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitable rewarded or inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address with in seven days from this paper publication. Else there wont be any further claims from thereon.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that parcel of Industrial Shed and Land measuring 1225 sft with built up 300 sft, old No.11/2, New 11/2B Situated at Kasaba Hobli, Hennur Village, Bangalore North Taluk. Bounded on East: Molly Chandy's Property, West: Vendors Property, North: Vendors Property and South: Sumitras Property Leads to Cross Road.

V. MANJUNATH, Advocate
V AND M Associates, No.121,
First Floor, 5th Main Chamaraje Pete,
Bangalore-560018. Mob No.9243059248

PUBLIC CAUTION NOTICE

This Caution Notice is issued in response to E-Auction Sale Notice dated 21-04-2021 for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Proviso to Rules 8(6) of the Security (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued by ICICI Bank Limited, #4/10, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Tower, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068, with respect to the E-Auctions proposed to be held for the Schedule property described below. Our Client Mr. Vatsal Poddar, residing at Flat No. A-2001, Vaishnavi Terraces, 4th Cross, 4th Main, Dollars Colony, J.P Nagar-4th Phase, Bengaluru-560076, is entering into a Sale Agreement and Sale Deed by paying the Sale consideration amount to Ms. Dimple Varma daughter of Mrs. Betty Mahindra, residing at The Gallop Broad Acres Stud Farm, Avalahalli Estate, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064 for purchasing the Schedule Property. In view of the above, General Public including any Establishments, Industries, Business entities, Corporates, etc., are hereby cautioned not to in any manner deal with the Schedule Property or any portion thereof. Any person/s or body/s having any claim in respect of the Schedule Property or part thereof by way of Sale, Exchange, Mortgage, Gift, Maintenance, Inheritance, Possession, Lease, Tenancy, Sub-Tenancy, Lien, Hypothecation, Transfer of Title or any kind of Beneficial interest under any Trust, Right of Prescription or Pre-Emptioner under any Agreement or any other Disposition or under any Decree, Order or Award or otherwise claiming howsoever, are hereby called upon to inform in writing along with the supporting documents to the undersigned at their office at M/s. Aarna Law, No.5, 'Adhokshaja', Second Main Road, Vyalikaval, Bangalore-560003, within a period of 14-Days (both days inclusive) the publication hereof, failing which the claim of such Person(s), Establishments, Industries, Business entities, Corporates, etc., will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the Four-bedroom Apartment bearing No.4B on the 4th Floor in Block- I in the Residential project "Crown Aura" constructed on the BBMP Khata No.350/1B/BLK-25, Jakkur Plantation, BBMP Ward No.7, Bangalore, constituted under the association of "Crown Aura Owners Association" (earlier residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.1B, Block-25, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) admeasuring a super built up area of 6830 square feet, with four covered car parking spaces.

Mrs. Kamala Naganand, Advocate,
M/s Aarna Law,
No.5, 'Adhokshaja', Second Main Road,
Vyalikaval, Bangalore-560003.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.M/TRD/29/OT/ 21-22/2 Dt. 10.06.2021

The Divisional Railway Manager/Traction Distribution Branch, Chennai Division, S. Railway, Chennai - 3, invites ONLINE tender from the experienced Contractors for the following works. For further details, please refer **www.ireps.gov.in**

Name of the work : Tender No.M/TRD/ 29/OT/21-22/2

Ultra sonic scanning and eddy current testing of 107 sq. mm contact wire in Chennai Division.

Value (Rs.) : 32,55,384.00

Closing date/time : 12.07.2021 (15.00 hrs)

Divisional Railway Manager, Traction Distribution Branch, Chennai Division, Chennai - 3.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client Smt. Lalithamma daughter of Venkatasubbaiah, aged about 72 years, resident at No. 124, 4th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009, had executed a General Power of Attorney dated 08.03.2021 in favour of Sri. Pradeep Kumar, S/o Sri. Panduranga, residing at No.14/26, 4th Cross, Saraswathipuram, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560086.

Our client has terminated / cancelled / revoked the said General Power of Attorney dated 08.03.2021 by way of termination notice dated 10.06.2021. Thus the General Power of Attorney stands cancelled and revoked. Any person doing or having any transaction with Mr. Pradeep Kumar with regard to the schedule property our client will not be responsible.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House list No. 149, Khatha No.245, Andrahalli Village, Ward No.40, within the limits of BBMP, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 1,200 sq.feet, bounded with:

East by: Site No. 148; West by: Site No. 150; North by: Site No. 77; South by: Road.

AMARESHA .M, Advocate
No. 1/4, 3rd Floor, Dubai Complex,
1st Main Road, next to Sujatha Complex,
Gandhinagara, Bengaluru-560009.
Place: Bengaluru Date: 11.06.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **PRIYANKA PRAKASH** (New Name), R/at No.25, 3RD CROSS, VISHWAJITH LAYOUT, VIGNANA NAGAR, BENGALURU-560037, have changed my name from **PRIYANKA RAMAN** (Old Name) to **PRIYANKA PRAKASH** (New Name), vide Affidavit 11/06/2021, before Notary **N.SHANKAR,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHARMILA D. (Sharmila Devaraj),** Aged about 44 years, Permanent resident of No. 201, J S Mansion, 8th Main Road, 2nd Cross, Hoysala Nagar, T C Palya Road, Bangalore - 560 016, have changed my name from **SHARMILA V. (SHARMILA VENKATESH)** to **SHARMILA D. (Sharmila Devaraj)** vide affidavit dated 11.06.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRIVIDYA PEDDINTI,** Aged about 41 years, W/o. Sreedhar Peddinti, Permanent resident of Flat No. 1006, Block C, Purva Seasons, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560 093, have changed my name from **SRIVIDYA PENDDINTI** to **SRIVIDYA PEDDINTI** vide affidavit dated 11.06.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANTHOSH KUMAR S.,** Aged about 28 years, S/o. Subbaraj, Permanent resident of No. 18, Amar Jyothi Layout, Chanama Badavande, Ashwath Nagar, Bangalore - 560 077, have changed my name from **SANTOSH KUMAR S.** to **SANTHOSH KUMAR S.** vide affidavit dated 11.06.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

Union Bank of India – Kengeri Branch

(Erstwhile Andhra Bank)
(A.Govt. of India Undertaking)

Kengeri Branch
71/A, HSK Arcade, Near Hoysala Circle, Kengeri Upanagar, Bangalore 560060
Phone No: 080 22959628
Mail Id:bm1661@unionbankofindia.com

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below-classified as NPA.

We have to inform you that you whose Name & Address mentioned here in below had availed following credit facilities from **Union Bank of India (Erstwhile Andhra Bank), Kengeri Branch,** offering the property, mentioned here in below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to you demanding the due amount.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) M/S Satellite Motors, Proprietor : Mohammed Shafiullah, Address : H. No 32/5, Hemmigepura, Kendra Vidyapeet Post, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060.

S.No	Facility / Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on:31.03.2021
1	OCC(Cash Credit Limits) 166113100000140	Rs.35,00,000/-	Rs. 37,69,004/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, A/c No OCC (Cash Credit Limits), Rs.37,69,004/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand and Four Only) together with interest.

NPA Date. 31.03.2021 **Demand Date : 18.05.2021**

Description of the Secured Assets:

1. All the piece and parcel of the property Janjar No 944/B, Property No 14/2, situated at New Layout, Gargeshwari village, Kasaba Hobli, T Narsipura Taluk, Mysore Dist. Which Is constructed on the site measuring east to West 22.5 feet and North to South 44 feet and bounded on East by : Road, North by: Property by Raila Jaan, West by: Property of Mohammed Shafiullah, South by: Road.

2. All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Janjar No. 903, property No. 4A(903/4A), situated at New Layout, Gargeshwari village, Kasaba Hobli, T Narsipura Taluk, Mysore Dist, which is constructed on the site measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 25 feet and bounded on East by : Road, North by: Property of Sri Mustaq West by : Property of Gafoor Saaheb, South by: Property of Mohammad John.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 11.06.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR

Tel-0663-2548268, E-mail id-serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com

e-Procurement No. 1395 / WE / Dated: 11.06.2021

0-330: Superintending Engineer Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf **Odisha State Rural Roads Agency** invites **Percentage** (%) bids through e_Procurement from eligible class of experienced bidders for construction of roads and CD works including maintenance for 5 years of rural roads under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak YoJana PMGSY-III, Batch-II (2021 -22).**

1	Name of work	:	Construction of road and CD works including five year maintenance under PMGSY-III Batch-II (2021-22)
2	Class of Con tractor.	:	As per Annexure (Information in DTCN will be Final)
3	No of packages.	:	01 No of Package
4	Estimated cost	:	Varies from Rs. 856.74 Lakh (Information in DTCN will be Final)
5	Bid submission fee.	:	Rs. 10,000/- (Non-Refundable) per set of package
6	Mode of submission of tender.	:	Only through online in website. www.pmgsytenders.gov.in.
7			Summary of key dates are provided below:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last date & time for seeking clarification	Last Date and time of submission of Original documents	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To			Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur	PMGSY-On-line-RWCSBP-11/2021-22	18/06/2021 From 11.00 A.M.	02/07/2021 Up to 4.00 P.M.	01/07/2021 Up to 4.00 P.M.	06/07/2021 By 5.00 PM	05/07/2021 At 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

*** Special conditions** 1-Bid Security Declaration Should be furnished by bidders in prescribed format as mentioned in DTCN. 2-EPF registration is mandatory before drawl of agreement. 3- Rate quoted by the contractor shall be excluding GST. 4. Original Bid Security Declaration. Bid submission fee and original affidavits should be submitted at the O/o Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur **Or** O/o Executive Engineer of Concern Rural Works Division.

* Details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**

* Subsequent modification/corrigendum/ Addendum if required shall be appeared in the website only.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur **OIPR- 25091/11/0015/2122**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tender call Notice

E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. SE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-02/2021-22 Memo No - 786 Dt. .

B-143: The Superintending Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** form eligible contractors for Building works as detailed in the table below:

1. Nature of Work : Building Works
2. No of Work : 3 Nos
3. Tender Cost : Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor : B class ,A Class , Special Class & Super Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website : From Dt. 24.06.2021 10.00 AM to Dt. 05.07.2021 05.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 06.07.2021 at 11.30 AM
7. The Bidders have to participate in **ONLINE bidding only**. Further details can be seen from the Website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in . Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha **OIPR-34127/11/0002/2122**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CENTRAL CIRCLE, RURAL WORKS, BHUBANESWAR

No. 2775 / Date 09.06.2021

0-332 **"e" Procurement Notice for Building Work for the year 2020-21**

1.	Name of the Work	:	Building Work
2.	Total No. of Packages	:	1 Nos. of Building Work
3.	Estimated Cost of the Package	:	Rs.115.40 lakhs
4.	Class of Contractor	:	Estimated cost more than Rs. 40.00 lakhs & up to Rs.300.00 lakhs **B Class & A class** (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5.	Period of completion	:	As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder	:	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details	:	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Central Circle Rural Works, Bhubaneswar	Tender- On-line- C.C.- 16 of 2021	21.06.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	07.07.2021 up to 3.00 P.M.	05.07.2021 up to 3.00 P.M.	08.07.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	16.07.2021 at 11.00 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, Rural Woks, Bhubaneswar **OIPR- 25082/11/0012/2122**

SBFC Finance Private Limited

(erstwhile Small Business Fincredit India Private Limited)

Registered Office:- Unit No. 103, First Floor, C&B Square, Sangam Complex, Village Chakala, Andheri- Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Reliance Home Finance Ltd. ("RHFL"). Pursuant to the Deed of Assignment, RHFL transferred and assigned the financial assets and other rights in favour of the Securitisation Trust. Subsequently, the Securitisation Trust appointed SBFC Finance Private Limited to do all such acts including enforcement of underlying securities. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, as per guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below, calling upon the following borrowers /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name Of The Borrower / Address & Name of Trust	Date Of Notice & NPA	Loan No. and Outstanding Amount	Description Of Secured Assets
1. CHINNAIAH RAJENDRA, 2. R SATISH, 3. PRAVEEN R, 330, 16TH A MAIN ROAD, JAYANAGAR 4TH T BLOCK, BANGALORE, BEHIND CANARA BANK, KARNATAKA - 560041. 4. SHREE HANDLOOMS, 3 & 4 SHOPPING COMPLEX, JAYANAGAR, 4TH BLOCK, BANGLORE, KARNATAKA- 560011. Trust Name: Indian Receivable Trust 19 - Series-3 dated 21-Feb-19	Notice Date: 27th April 2021 NPA date: 31st March 2021	Loan Account No. RHLPBAN000069318 (PR00710366) Loan Amount: Rs. 8750000/- (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakh(s) Fifty Thousand Only) Outstanding amount: Rs.9153514/- (Rupees Ninety One Lakh(s) Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Only) as on 24th April 2021	ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING NO.9 (OLD NO. 10) ADMEASURING EAST TO WEST 30 FT. AND NORTH TO SOUTH 50 FT. PID NO. 56-187-9 SITUATED IN BMP WARD NO. 56, 25TH A CROSS, BANGALORE KARNATAKA 560070 BOUNDED AS ON EAST- PROPERTY NO. 9, WEST- PROPERTY NO.11, NORTH- ROAD ANS SOUTH - PROPERTY OF BDA.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers, to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and the applicable Rules thereunder.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 13th June 2021
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- (Joyal Nadar)
Authorized Officer,
SBFC Finance Private Limited

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	21302942	Home Loan	1. Gunjan Srivastav 2. Ritesh Ranjan	20.05.2021	INR 2409402.98/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Of Apartment No. B-305, In Second Floor, Having Super Built Up Area Of 880 Sq.ft. &702 Sq.ft. Of Carpet Area With 816.64 Sq.ft. Of Uds, In The Residential Apartment Complex Known As "pride Horizon", Convereted On The Property Bearing Converted Sy.no. 169/1c, Measuring 2 Acres & 18 Guntas, Situated At Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District And **Bounded As: East : Remaining Portion Of Sy No.169/C; West : Remaining Portion Of Sy No.169/C; North : Road Formed In Sy.No.169/C For Vatika Layout & Sy.No.107; South : Remaining Portion Of Sy No.169/C**
2	16853055	Loan Against Property	1. Mr. Gangadhar V 2. Mrs. Kamala B	17.04.2021	INR 44,44,932.42/-	All the piece and parcel of the property consisting of All that piece and parcel of property bearing BBMP Katha No. 45/1, Old Khaneshumari No. 46, measuring East to West (25+27)/2 feet and North to South 41.6 feet, situated presently at 2nd Main Road, Peenya Village, Industrial Layout, Bangalore, comprising of a Ground and First Floor building **Bounded: North : Government Land & Property belongs to Mr. Chowdappa; South : Property belongs to Mr. Patel Chennappa & His Children; East : Government Road; West : Property belongs to Mr. Mestri Narayanaswamy & His Cildren**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)**. Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Date : 12.06.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Union Bank of India – Bengaluru- Chandra Layout Branch

Bengaluru- Chandra Layout Branch
Door No 1234, 8th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru, Chandralayout, Karnataka – 560040.
Phone No: 080- 23398950
Mail Id: chandralayout@unionbankofindia.com ; cb3384@unionbankofindia.com

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Union Bank of India, Bengaluru – Chandra Layout Branch , Door No 1234, 8th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru , Chandralayout ; Karnataka – 560040

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor:
1) Mrs. R Dhanalaxmi Bai ; Site No 393, Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Further Extension, 9th Block, Mallathahalli Road, Bengaluru – 560056
2. Mr. R. Venugopal Singh ; Site No 393, Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Further Extension, 9th Block, Mallathahalli Road, Bengaluru – 560056
3) Mr. R Santosh Singh ; Site No 393, Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Further Extension, 9th Block, Mallathahalli Road, Bengaluru – 560056

Amount due: Rs. 3,52,080.02 /- plus interest and charges.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Property at Site No. 393, situated at Sir M. Vishwesariah Layout, 9th Block, Malathahalli, Bengaluru, with site measuring East to West 9 metres, North to South 6 Metres, totally measuring 54 metres and bounded On the North: Site No 392, On the South : Site No 394, On the East : Site No 400, On the West : Road.

Date and time of E-Auction: 16.07.2021 between 11 am to 2 pm (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website-www.mstcecommerce.com
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of eAuction.
Reserve price: Rs. 54.00 Lacs
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 5.4 Lacs [Rs. Five lakhs Forty thousand only] as 10% of Reserve Price

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) www.unionbankofindia.co.in**

The intending purchaser require to register through :
https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp

The online E-auction will be held through website: **sarfaesi@unionbankofindia.com.**

For E-auction Related queries Please contact at Branch Manager, Chandra Layout Branch, Phone No. 080-23398950.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 11.06.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

In a bid to safeguard public health, Director General and Inspector General of Police Praveen Sood issued a circular this week, asking senior police officers to take action and prosecute individuals responsible for noise pollution under the Environment Protection Act

Filmmaker Aisha to be questioned

Local BJP leaders in Lakshadweep's Chetlath, Bitra islands resign to show support

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE Kavaratti police in Lakshadweep has registered a sedition case against filmmaker Aisha Sulthana and served her a notice to appear for interrogation on June 20. Meanwhile, the slapping of sedition charge on the activist has triggered an uproar across the country alleging intolerance.

Meanwhile, BJP local leaders in Chetlath and Bitra islands of Lakshadweep resigned from the party pledging support to the filmmaker. Chetlath island BJP unit president Amina, executive committee members M P Abdul Hameed, Noushad Pallichapura, Mullakoya and Ummul Kulsu resigned from the party. Bitra unit president Hameed Kakkaillam also announced his decision to resign.

The Kavaratti police had on Thursday registered a case against Aisha based on a complaint filed by BJP Lakshadweep state president C Abdul Khader Haji. The case has been booked for her allegation during a media discussion that the Union government has used 'a bioweapon' on the residents of Lakshadweep.

In his complaint, Abdul Khader said that Aisha Sulthana while participating in a media discussion on June 7 had made a serious allegation that the Union government has used a biological weapon against the people of Lakshadweep while referring to the spread of Covid on the island. "The state BJP unit strongly protests against the anti-national act, which has tarnished the patriotic image of the Union government and people of Lakshadweep. We strongly plead that proper action may be taken against Aisha Sulthana," said Abdul Khader in the complaint lodged with district collector S Askar Ali, who forwarded the case to the senior SP.

Sulthana said, "They have booked an FIR evoking sedition charges. But the truth will win. The BJP leader who lodged the complaint is a native of Lakshadweep and has betrayed his motherland. I will continue fighting for Lakshadweep."

Submit report on special treatment given to Sasi in jail soon: HC to state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Friday directed the State Government to submit its final report within two months, regarding the FIR registered by the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) into the alleged preferential treatment given to VK Sasikala, aide of former Tamil Nadu CM late J Jayalalithaa, when she was lodged at the Bengaluru central prison, violating prison norms.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order after the government informed the court that an FIR was registered by the ACB in 2018, and four months of time was required to file the report, in view of Covid.

Noting that there was delay in the investigation, the court declined to give the four months sought by the government. However, the government was directed to submit the report as expeditiously as possible, within two months. In her PIL, social worker and educationist KS Gita had prayed the court to issue directions to the authorities to submit a final report on the alleged corruption in providing facilities to Sasikala.

In response, the court had issued notice to the Chief Secretary, secretaries of the departments of Law and Parliamentary Affairs, and Home, Director General and Superintendent of Prisons, on the last date of hearing.

OBITUARY

ACTIVIST-POET BECAME FIERY DALIT VOICE IN KANNADA

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

"FOR many, it is difficult to express pain through humour. If you are a Dalit, it is almost impossible. But my friend, comrade, thinker, poet, Dr Siddalingaiah knew how to do that," remembered L Hanumanthaiah, Indian Dalit poet, politician and close associate of poet Siddalingaiah who lost his month-long battle to Covid in Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru, on Friday.

Siddalingaiah (67) was a Dalit Kannada poet, playwright, activist and politician. An Ambedkarite, he was one of the founders of the Dalit Sangharsh Samiti (DSS), an organisation formed to fight for Dalit causes. His friends recall that his poems are not only inspirational, but are anthems for Dalit movements. They were, and are, sung while starting Dalit programmes. His poems 'Yarige bantu, ellige bantu nalavattelara swatantrya?', 'Nanna Jana' have attained cult status.

He emerged as the fiery Dalit voice in Kannada, with his debut poetry collection Holay Maadigara Haadu, in 1975. His close associate Dr L Hanumanthaiah, remembering his college days at Govt Science College, when Siddalingaiah was in his final year BA in Govt Arts College, says, "Though I had seen him as an activist, our friendship grew in 1973 during the Bhoosa (fodder) chaluvali."

This gave rise to the Dalit movement too. "Basavalingappa, then a minister, was invited to a function in Mysuru and in his speech on 'Tradition, Social Structure and New Views', said that Kannada literature is boosa (fodder) literature. The intention was misinterpreted in the media. Students and pseudo Kannada lovers protested and demanded his resignation, and Basavalingappa finally resigned. This incident brought Dalits together. Siddalingaiah, myself and other Dalit students came together and this was the beginning of the Dalit movement in Karnataka. We founded DSS in 1975," explained Hanumanthaiah.

His friends, who fondly remember him for his sense of humour, simplicity and love for other writers, say he was also part of the Communist movement and Bhandaya movement. His close associates were Bhandaya writers like D R Nagaraj, Devanuru Mahadeva, K V Siddaiah etc. His autobiography, 'Ooru Kare' in Kannada, was translated into English by S R Ramakrishna as 'A word with you world' and is testimony to his humorous writing.

Posting an old write-up, historian Ramachandra Guha says, "Deeply saddened to hear of the passing of the distinguished Kannada poet Siddalingaiah, of Covid-related complications. He was a warm and compassionate human being, with a delightful sense of humour. His autobiography, which is available in English too, is a literary classic."

He is the first Dalit poet to receive the Pampa Award, Karnataka's highest literary award, in February 2020. In 1988, he became a member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly and, in 2006, chairman of the Kannada Development Authority. He was head of the Department of Kannada at BU and member of the University Syndicate of Kannada University, Hampi.

PM Narendra Modi tweeted, "Dr Siddalingaiah will be remembered for his prolific writings, poetry and contributions towards social justice. Saddened by his passing away My thoughts are with his family and many admirers in this hour of sadness."

SIDDALINGAIAH (1954-2021)

SOME WORKS

- Holay Maadigara Haadu, 1975
- Meravanige (Procession), 2000
- Saaviraru Nadhigalu (Thousands of Rivers), 1979
- Kappu Kaadina Haadu (Dark Forest Songs), 1983

Poet narrated Dalits' ordeal through his literary works: CM

Bengaluru: Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Friday said Dr Siddalingaiah narrated the pain of Dalits through his writings and fought for their upliftment. "His services to the state and Kannada language as the Chairman of Kannada Development Board and as a two-time MLC is commendable," he added. "In his death, we have lost a great writer who strived for the upliftment of the lower classes," he added. Former Chief Minister and Congress leader Siddaramaiah said he was shocked by the death of the poet, a former member of Legislative Council and his dear friend Siddalingaiah who led the fight for social equality through his poems. Deputy Chief Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan said Siddalingaiah was a talented poet who won the hearts of people from all sections of the society through his writings and thoughts. "His sense of humour was exemplary," he added. DyCM Laxman Savadi, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, State Congress president DK Shivakumar, and many others condoled the death of writer Siddalingaiah.

He took up cause of the oppressed

K SHIVAKUMAR @ Mysuru

NOTED Dalit poet Prof Siddalingaiah, who had great concern for the oppressed, had drawn the attention of the then government to injustice meted out to Kaniyars, a microscopic community, during his term as a nominated member of the Legislative Council. He had picked a *TNIE* report to highlight how an error by the local revenue officials had denied the benefits of reservation to the people of the community.

Kanniyar, a community that practices Ayurveda and astrology for generations, were spread across the Kollegal region falling under the former Madras presidency. However, after the reorganisation of states, Kollegal became a part of Mysuru state and the revenue officials recorded them as Kanniyan in a few villages. Those listed as Kaniyar were not eligible for ST reservation whereas relatives who had records with Kanniyan in the caste column enjoyed all benefits.

Siddalingaiah, who took note of the report, had summoned the office-bearers and highlighted to the government the injustice to the community. He sought that the records be set right to ensure that both Kanniyans and Kaniyars get the same benefits.

The then Janata Dal government even recommended to the Centre to consider Kanniyar and Kanniyan as synonymous for ST reservation, but it was turned down.

'Siddalingaiah was known for humility, sense of humour'

TN SEETHARAM

ANYONE who has read Siddalingaiah's literature knows how good he is – there is a fierceness in his poetry, though in person, he was known for humility and a sense of humour. It was in the early 80s, I was into theatre and literature and would hang out with Baraguru Ramachandra, DR Nagaraj and others, when I went to Bangalore University where he was doing MA in Kannada. I was impressed with him, the first impression is the best one. After this, we often met at literary events. He would always address me as 'Gurugale'.

> **He spoke to me a day before he was admitted to hospital. I cannot imagine that he is not there. I am going to miss him, miss his writing, his companionship and more importantly, his humour**
>
> TN Seetharam, Scriptwriter

In 1983, noted director Puttanna Kanagal was directing Dharani Mandala Madhyadolage, and I suggested Siddalingaiah's name for penning songs. Siddalingaiah wrote two songs and got an award too. In 1995, I directed Mukha-Mukhi, my first-ever Kannada TV serial for which I approached him for the title song. He wrote 'Jeevana bahukuha, bahu banna' which became very popular.

Siddalingaiah had a sense of timing with his jokes, which were usually about himself, and he would look dead serious too. Like his joke on a room on the top floor of his house just to keep petas (turbans). This was after he presided over the Kannada Sahitya Sammelana. "Wherever I go, people give me peta. I can neither throw them nor wear them, so I have constructed a room for them!" he said.

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(As told to Ashwini M Sripad)

Writer Devanur Mahadev shocked over demise

Mysuru: Noted writer Devanur Mahadev was shocked to hear the news of Siddalingaiah's death. Devanur and Siddalingaiah were in the forefront of the Dalit movement in the early 80s, along with Prof B Krishnappa and others. The writer said he was in constant touch with Siddalingiah through his time at the hospital until couple of days ago. Veteran writer Kalegowda Nagavara, who recalled his friendship of over 45 years with the celebrated poet, recalled an incident when Siddalingaiah and his classmates were attacked by upper caste Hindus for bringing firebrand rationalist Periyar EV Ramaswamy to Bengaluru in early 70s.

38 Sri Lankan nationals who stayed illegally in Mangaluru city were detained by the city police on Friday

38 Sri Lankan nationals detained for illegal stay

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

MANGALURU city police have detained 38 Sri Lanka nationals who were staying in various lodges and private houses in the city after entering India illegally without valid documents after being promised jobs in Canada. Cops say that this could be a serious issue of human trafficking.

Mangaluru City PC N Shashi Kumar told media that based on inputs from Tamil Nadu intelligence agencies, the CCB and city central division police led by the commissioner, DCP Hariram Shankar conducted the operation and detained 38 citizens of Sri Lanka from a lodge at Azharuddin Road near Bunder and lodges at Rao and Rao Circle and private houses in Kasba Bengre.

Vaccine helps fight Covid better: Study

OMJASVIN MD @ Chennai

TWO doses of the Covid-19 vaccine offer higher protection against infection, hospitalisation, the requirement for oxygen treatment, and admission to the ICU, finds a study by the Christian Medical College in Vellore. The study, which is yet to be peer-reviewed, was authored by medical specialists Peter John Victor, K Prasad Mathew, Hema Paul, Malathi Murugesan, and Joy J Mammen.

The CMC, a 2,600-bed tertiary care hospital with 10,600 employees, vaccinated as many as 8,991 healthcare workers (84.8% of the total workforce) between January 21 and April 30 this year while 1,609 workers were not vaccinated. Among those vaccinated, 93.4% received the Covishield vaccine of Oxford-AstraZeneca, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, and the remaining got Covaxin, a killed virus vaccine.

Have e-mails sent by Amazon and sellers: CCI

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"HOWEVER, there is a likelihood that they will appeal against the order before a larger bench," senior lawyer Abir Royadded.

The CCI's lawyers informed the court that it was in possession of emails exchanged between Amazon, Flipkart and sellers offering to incur a part of the discounts during big sale events as well as allegations of common directors at Amazon, Flipkart and seller firms like Cloudtail, Omnichannel Retail, Appario which merits investigation. It needs to be seen whether the platforms are engaging in exclusive arrangements, deep discounting and preferential listing which are being used as an exclusionary tactic to scuttle the competition, contravening the provisions of Section 3 (1) read with Section 3(4) of the Act, the watchdog said.

While calling the CCI probe as 'perverse, arbitrary and untenable in law,' Amazon had said that the order has the potential to cause 'irreversible loss and injury to the goodwill/reputation of the company'.

Bank of India

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E-AUCTION SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank Of India,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **15-07-2021, for recovery of Rs.1,18,44,000 /-** + interest **@ 13.45% p.a.** compounded with monthly rests from **29-08-2019 for Term loan, Rs.13,89,000/-+ interest @ 13.45% p.a.** compounded with monthly rests from **29-08-2019 for FITL- I loan ,Rs.13,14,000/-** + interest **@ 13.45% p.a.** compounded with monthly rests from **29-08-2019 for FITL- II loan, Rs.39,30,000/- interest @ 13.45% p.a.** compounded with monthly rests from **29-08-2019** for Cash Credit loan, totalling to **Rs.1,84,77,000/- (One Crore Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Only)** and costs and other charges due to **BANK OF INDIA, Asset Recovery Branch** from **Mr. Rajanna H (Borrower), Mrs. Gajalakshmi (Borrower), Mr. Narayanaswamy T (Guarantor).** The reserve price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder:

Reserve Price: Rs.3,49,35,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Only) EMD: Rs.34,93,500/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Only).

Description of the Immovable Property: Mortgage of Brooder shed measuring 4800 sq ft, Grower shed measuring 3840 sq ft, Layer shed measuring 11520 sq ft, Office room, Labour room & Feed room measuring 1800 sq ft, one borewell with pipeline, Sump, Generator, Fencing gate etc along with both present and future structures/ constructions, situated at Sy no.150/2, total admeasuring 1acre 35guntas, Thimmasandra village, Kasaba hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore rural district owned by Mr. Rajanna H.

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders**

Date & Time of E-auction: **15-07-2021 between 11.00 am to 05.00pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 08.06.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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1	**Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor/s :** (1) Mr. Pradeep Kumar B, (2) Mrs. Rashmi R, W/o Mr. Pradeep Kumar B, Both are R/at : Flat No. 210, Second Floor, DS-Maxsamrta, Purnapara Village, Muthyala Nagar, Mathikere, Near J P Park, Dist- Bangalore, Karnataka, India. Pin 560054, (3) M/S DIVYA INFRA PROPERTIES PVT LTD. Rep by Its MD Mr. M S Ravi Prasad Divya JSR Limelite, Sy No.30, Kammagondanahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560015	**Amount Due :** Rs. 17,25,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.

Description of immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of land and building- Residential belonging to Mr. Pradeep Kumar B (Owner of the Property), situated at Flat No.406, Primrose Block, B Wing, Third Floor, Divya JSR Limelite, Sy No.30 presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 12 and newly assigned site no 004, Kammagondanahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded by East : Property belonging to Vishveshwariah, West : Road from Kammagondanahalli to Lakshmipura, North : Boundary of Hebbagere and Jarakabande Kaval, South : Property belonging to Narasimaiah and others.

Reserve Price : Rs.34,50,000/- Earnest Money Deposited : Rs.3,45,000/-

2	**Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor/s :** (1) M/s RS Shopee Prop Mala Sampath M KK, No 1& 2, 33A, 11th Main, 1st Phase, 2nd Stage, Mathikere Opp PIE International, Bangalore 560054, (2) Mrs. Mala Sampath M KK, No. 402, FCP, Canara Bank Layout, Sahakar Nagar, Bangalore 560097, (3) Mrs. S Janakamma W/o Mr Raja Gopalaiah, No.96, 3rd Main Road, Bank of Baroda Colony, 7th Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore 560078	**Amount Due :** Rs. 45,19,000/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Nineteen Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.

Description of immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of land and building- residential belonging to Mrs S Janakamma (Owner of the Property), situated at- House list No. 122, property No. 08, Corporation No. 36/64, Sy No. 34/8A, BBMP Ward No. 70, 1st Main, near Sri Jalakanteshwara Temple, Jalakanteshwara Cross Road, Vinayakanagar, Adugodi, Bangalore 560030 and bounded by : East : Property No.125, West : Property No.121, North : Road, South : Property No.199

Reserve Price : Rs.60,00,000/- Earnest Money Deposited : Rs.6,00,000/-

3	**Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor/s :** (1) Mr. S Mohammed Shafi S/o Basha Saheb, (2) Mrs. S Neelufur W/o S Mohammed Shafi, Both are R/at : No.P3, 4th Floor, S A S Swarood Apets, 1st Cross, Sunrise layout, Opp: Reliance Fresh, TC Palya Main Road, KR Puram, Bangalore 560036. (3) M/s Divya Infra Properties Pvt Ltd Rep by Its MD Mr. M S Ravi Prasad Divya JSR Limelite, Sy No.30, Kammagondanahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560015	**Amount Due :** Rs. 20,89,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.

Description of immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of land and building - residential flat belonging to Mr S Mohammed Shafi (Owner of the Property), situated at Flat No 313, Primrose Block, B Wing, Third Floor, Divya JSR Limelite, Sy No. 30 presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 12 and newly assigned site no 004, Kammagondanahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and Bounded by East : Property belonging to Vishveshwariah, West : Road from Kammagondanahalli to Lakshmipura, North : Boundary of Hebbagere and Jarakabande Kaval, South : Property belonging to Narasimaiah and others.

Reserve Price : Rs.22,50,000/- Earnest Money Deposited : Rs.2,25,000/-

4	**Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor/s :** (1) Mrs. Ratna Kamala M, (2) Mr. Sudhakar Babu M, Both are R/at : Flat No 507 Wing A tulip block Divya JSR Limelite No.4 Abbigere Main Road K G Halli Bangalore 560090	**Amount Due :** Rs. 24,76,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.

Description of immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of land and building- residential belonging to Mr Sudhakar Babu M (Owner of the Property), situated at Residential ad measuring approximately 1297 Sq.ft with undivided share of land 519 sqft situated at Flat No 507, 5th Floor, Tulip Block Divya JSR LimeLite Sy No. 30 presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 12 and newly assigned site no 004, Kammagondanahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and Bounded by East : Property belonging to Vishveshwariah, West : Road from Kammagondanahalli to Lakshmipura, North : Boundary of Hebbagere and Jarakabande Kaval, South : Property belonging to Narasimaiah and others.

Reserve Price : Rs.58,00,000/- Earnest Money Deposited : Rs.5,80,000/-

Date and time of E-Auction: for the above properties is on 16.07.2021 at 11 AM to 2P.M (With 10 min unlimited auto extensions). Last date for submission of EMD : 16.07.2021
For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.ibapi.in and www.unionbankofindia.co.in
For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. Contact : 080-22959737 / 8008775953

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Place : Bangalore

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EDITORIAL

"When there's pressure—deadlines or going over budget— this affects the film. When they're breathing down your neck, you dive within and experience this pure self ... and then every day is like a Saturday morning" — David Lynch

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— Ramnath Goenka

ONUS ON CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO KEEP ITS PROMISES

Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's trip to Delhi has had political circles abuzz in Andhra Pradesh, with his supporters and opponents sparring over its purpose, in particular his meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The official agenda this time was not much different from his earlier visits. There were the regular requests for approvals, whether for the Polavaram irrigation project's revised cost estimates, shifting the High Court to Kurnool or disbursal of dues. Not to forget, the demand for special status to the state, besides other pending promises made in the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, such as the establishment of a petrochemical complex in Kakinada.

The question that arises every time the chief minister goes to Delhi is, why should the state be begging forever for what is its right? Especially since most of the items on his list are part of the Reorganisation Act. Take for instance the petrochemical complex. The rider that the state should bear the viability funding gap of close to ₹1,000 crore for 15 years wasn't specifically mentioned in the Act. It is understandable that the Centre might drag its feet on shifting the High Court to Kurnool as it could require judicial consent. The funding for Polavaram too has become a knotty problem with the project cost escalating over the years to more than ₹55,000 crore. The onus is surely on the Centre to expedite approvals and find amicable solutions without burdening the state. More so in the case of Polavaram as there is every possibility of the project getting caught up in a vicious circle of delays and cost escalation. Special status for the state is now just a political issue. There is no way the Centre is going to grant it as it was not part of the Reorganisation Act in the first place.

As for the political aspect of the chief minister's visit, it is believed he could have raised the issue of a 'well-planned conspiracy' to destabilise his government and sought Shah's support. The ruling YSRCP is convinced there is one. Well, politics is, after all, a cloak-and-dagger game where nothing is what it seems.

PREPARATION LAG FOR ZOONOTIC DISEASES

The recent incident of nine Asiatic lions getting infected with Covid and one subsequently dying in Chennai's Vandalur Zoo has put the spotlight on the Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation (AIWC) in the Tamil Nadu state capital that has been lying unused. The centre, proposed in 2019, had been approved by the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission. But till now it remains just another fancy abbreviation in the government portal, awaiting the paltry ₹1.5 crore funding that it had been promised.

The AIWC's research was aimed, among others, at pre-screening of animals for pathogenic diseases and the study of zoonoses and reverse zoonoses. Had the centre been functioning, it would have carried out the Covid tests of the samples of lions, speeding up their treatment and avoiding the fatality. The lack of a local facility had forced the Vandalur zoo officials to send the swab samples of the lions on May 24 and May 29 to the National Institute of High Security Diseases, Bhopal. But the results came only on June 3, the day the lioness died.

The project was ideated after H1N1, Nipah and other diseases had wreaked havoc in many parts of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. A country like India has more chances of zoonoses or transmission of diseases from animals to humans because of its huge population of both. According to a paper published in the Indian Journal of Community Medicine in March 2020, there has been an increase in zoonotic diseases globally. It says that of the 1,407 human pathogens detected, 816 were found to be zoonotic.

Many elephants have died in Tamil Nadu, as have tigers and leopards in various national parks. In a complete lack of interest in detecting zoonoses, the Tamil Nadu forest department has not even sent a single swab sample to check for any virus variant in the wild. The emergence of a series of zoonotic diseases threatening public health and the economy in recent times has highlighted the need for a comprehensive strategy to combat the transmission of pathogens from animals to humans, with focused research on genome sequencing.

The Constitution's federal characteristics must constantly pass tests, like the one in West Bengal. Its ultimate outcome will affect all other states as well as the Union

IN A FEDERAL SYSTEM, STATES ARE PARTNERS, NOT SUBORDINATES

JAWHAR SIRCAR
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AMIT BANDRE

Like all federalisms, India's too is like a marriage between equals, the Centre and the states, and both thrive and prosper as they emerge stronger after each crisis. Though the 299 members of the Constituent Assembly did a commendable job in three and a half years, they could not provide for every foreseeable contingency. The Constitution is gently tilted in favour of the Centre, but a greater maturity has now evolved in the handling of the Brahmastras like President's Rule in states under Article 356 or in demanding secession. The federation has also learnt to accord greater respect to regional aspirations, cultures and pride.

The Constitution's federal characteristics must constantly pass tests and battles like the one we have at hand in the state of West Bengal. Its ultimate outcome will affect all other states and the Union as well. To cut through the clutter and controversies, let us come straight to May 24, when the Centre agreed to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's proposal to extend the services of Alapan Bandyopadhyay, who was about to retire as chief secretary of the state on May 24. This was for three months—to provide continuity in Covid control in the state. Such short-tenure extensions are not usual. Thereafter, Cyclone Yaas devastated coastal Odisha and adjoining West Bengal, and on Friday (May 28), Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided to make an aerial survey. Though this programme clashed with the announced visit of Mamata to survey the coastal belt by helicopter, she altered her schedule to be present at Kalaikunda, the major air base of these parts in West Bengal. She promised to visit Digha, the state's most battered coastal town, only after attending the PM's meeting at 2.30 pm. Both the VIP air travellers were, however, cutting it too fine and Mamata's helicopter was not allowed to fly out of the Sagar Island by Air Traffic Control (ATC). Since the PM's craft had taken off from Odisha towards Kalaikunda, the skies were closed for 'VIP movement'. A state Cabinet minister received the PM at Kalaikunda and as soon as Air Traffic permitted, Mamata flew in and landed there. This is now severely criticised by a section as "having kept the PM waiting for 15 minutes". Though the CM had not "formally received the PM", she was well in time for the scheduled meeting. No fudging of these timings is possible by either party, as every minute of what happened has been logged and recorded by multiple agencies—the ATC, the PM's SPG (security), the Kalaikunda Air Force Station, the state police, East Medinipur Police Headquarters, etc.

It appears that the CM or chief secretary had corresponded with the PMO and conveyed her objection to the presence of Suvendu Adhikari, the Leader of the Opposition. Mamata had requested for a direct meeting between the PM and her and felt that if one MLA was invited, others from worse-affected areas could also have joined the meeting. Actually, Adhikari had been her own right hand before he defected to the BJP just before the elections. He had not only trounced her in his own traditional Assembly constituency, Nandigram, but has emerged thereafter as her bête noire. Since the prime minister was keen to include Adhikari in his meeting, she felt there was little point in these 'optics and politics'. She entered the meeting room on time, but declined to sit down and simply handed over a damage report to the PM. She said a few words and begged excuse to fly onward to Digha, along with her chief secretary—who was always at her side. He, too, left the meeting along with his boss, but while the prime minister did not object then, all hell broke loose over the next few days.

> Does the Centre expect IAS officers to defy the state government? Should officers serving states continue to be loyal to them? Or is it now legitimate for them to undercut the latter—whenever Delhi gets miffed with a CM? That is the crux of this battle

The Centre suddenly transferred Bandyopadhyay to Delhi, where he had never worked before—on the very last day of his service. The Bengal chief minister refused to release him, which they constantly do under the IAS Cadre Rules, including by the current prime minister when he was a chief minister. Mamata's refusal is, however, being condemned now by Modi supporters, well after Bandopadhayay has retired. The state declined the 90 days' extension of service given by the Centre, and the CM issued an order giving him a three-year post-retirement term as her 'Adviser'.

The Centre retaliated immediately by issuing a notice under Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act on Bandyopadhyay for "refusing to comply with the direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government". This is unprecedented, as this provision to jail offenders for terms upto two years was never meant to spite ministers and officers. Incidentally, both the Central and state governments have exactly the same powers and the real disaster would have struck if the temperamental CM had issued a tit-for-tat order on some Central official or on Adhikari.

The interesting question we have now is whether the Centre expects IAS officers to defy the state government. The matter will soon move to the courts and the federal Constitution looks forward eagerly to a direction. Should officers serving states continue to be loyal to them? Or is it now legitimate for them to undercut the latter—whenever Delhi gets miffed with a chief minister? That is the crux of this battle.

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CREATIVE RITUALS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL LIFE

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Author and founder of IndiTales

Prolonged lockdowns and visible grief all around have started impacting everyone, even the most optimistic among us. We saw many people seeking ideas to stay engaged and remain positive, while dealing with a whole lot of bad news that left us with a sense of helplessness. To some of my social media friends, I suggested indulging in creative pursuits—be it writing, painting, embroidery or creating anything, maybe even new recipes that were the flavour of the first lockdown. The responses that I received reminded me of my corporate career days when I used to lead innovation initiatives. When we used to conduct sessions on being creative, people enjoyed the workshops and the break that it brought to their otherwise mundane lives, but they could rarely apply creativity in their everyday work.

It took me a while to understand this. Employees in large organisations are trained to follow SOPs—the standard operating procedures. As soon as they enter corporate life, and maybe even before that, they are trained to follow the policies and processes. Any deviations are looked down upon and may even be seen as obstacles in their well-defined growth path. Now processes work well in a purely manufacturing environment, but the same models were exported to the service industry that can do with a lot of creativity, intuitiveness and spontaneity. Nonetheless, the disconnect was that a mind that is taught to blindly follow the process was suddenly expected to let go of all that training and come up with creative ideas within the walls of a training room or perhaps a resort, and then revert to processes back on the job. I see the same has permeated our day-to-day living as well. When we are reminded to do something creative, we suddenly go blank.

When we look at what all we missed during this pandemic, the biggest answer was the festivals, festivities and celebrations of all kinds. We missed our extended family and friends, family events and meeting new people who always come in our lives like a breath of fresh air. With it we also missed our regular sojourn with creativity. Our festivals are a big source of inspiring creativity, in a very subtle organic way. Think of Ganapati *pandals* that are put up across Western India and how they are created in a new way each year, carrying forward a tradition but with a dash of current situations and modern sensibilities infused in them. In Goa, last year during Deepavali, I saw all the Narakasur effigies wearing face masks, a mark of the times they were created in.

If we look at the calendar of Indian festivals, most, if celebrated traditionally, give us windows to not just be creative but also to showcase our creative expression to a larger audience. Look at the intricate *Kolam* designs in the streets of South India, walls of Madhubani homes in Bihar, *Aipans* of Uttarakhand or *Mandawa* of Central India, mostly drawn during festivals, that let you experiment and express your creativity. In fact, festivals let you be creative on multiple dimensions—dressing up, food, finding and wrapping gifts, writing or designing greetings innovatively, decorating the home and most importantly creating the festival space from scratch—be it designing the Durga Puja pandal with the chosen theme or performing Ram Lila for 10 days and creating effigies of Ravana et al. to burn on Dussehra or making a *rakhi* for your sibling. Personal festivities like weddings and birthdays intersperse with the regular flow of festivals through the year. Basically, our festivals were ensuring that we get a regular dose of creative pursuits, and a fair percentage of these involved working with ad hoc teams of whoever was around and available, bringing in the diversity of age and skill sets, breaking hierarchies and using role reversals for a while.

> To stay engaged and remain positive during the prolonged lockdown, I suggested to some of my friends that they indulge in creative pursuits such as writing, painting, embroidery or creating anything, maybe even new recipes. The responses that I received reminded me of my corporate career days when I used to lead innovation initiatives

Can this regular brush with raw creativity be brought into our professional lives, especially those who work in the organised corporate world? It may be far more effective than the innovation workshops offered as single-shot doses to induce creativity in the environment. Can some rituals be introduced that allow or maybe force people to step out of their comfort zones, form their own teams from within or outside the organisation, work on projects without really having a defined plan or budget but a defined output at a defined time? It has the ingredients of an innovation project where you work within the constraints of budgets and available resources but your end goal must be delivered within the broad boundaries. Can this lead to a basket of new ideas to experiment with? Can new synergies between diverse teams be leveraged to create intersectional innovation, where ideas from across the verticals meet and create new ones? The idea is to keep the creative juices flowing and leverage them for the organisation as well as society in general.

The question that remains open though: Do organisations have the fluidity and flexibility to absorb the ideas that these bursts of creativity would bring out?

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Livelihood also important

This is with reference to *Its time for at least a phased unlock in Kerala* (Jun 11). It has been over a month since the lockdown was imposed in Kerala. The common man is finding it difficult to make ends meet. People who work for daily wages, like construction workers, autorickshaw drivers, small shop and roadside stall owners, etc., are the worst affected. As the editorial rightly points out, livelihood is as important as life. The government should consider planning out a phased unlock that ensures the safety of people while also allowing them to earn their daily bread.
Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Fast becoming a non-entity

This is with reference to *Going to Mandir? Bring some Prasad* (Jun 11). The Congress is in the process of losing many young leaders due to the lack of transparency and communication in the party. The exit of former Union minister Jitin Prasada is a telling demonstration of this. The dynastic mentality of the GOP that is still being supported by the old Turks in the party is costing it many young and talented leaders. No wonder the Congress seems to be fast becoming a non-entity in the country.
K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Look after injured players

It is disheartening to read that pugilist Dingko Singh lost the battle against cancer. He was a promising young boxer who won the Asian Games gold medal at the age of 19. It was also very sad to read that he was left alone when he got injured soon after his win. This is a cause for alarm for the sports ministry, which must look after its injured players as well as boost morale in trying times.
Marupeddi Suresh Mageshwar, Chennai

Making life more difficult

Withdrawing cash from ATMs has been made harder by the RBI increasing charges per transaction after the initial free ones to `24.78 plus GST. The government seems determined to make life unlivable for the common man, who is finding it difficult to make ends meet due to pandemic-induced economic woes and the added daily hike in fuel charges.
Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Global child labour crisis

The UN report that the child labour numbers have shot up to a whopping 160 million around the world is shocking. The fact that the number has risen by 8.4 million in just four years reflects the seriousness of the issue. The pandemic has accentuated the child labour crisis. Governments of underdeveloped and developing countries must act now. There needs to be a drastic improvement in education and healthcare; wealthy private corporations should join hands with governments to boost school and hospital amenities.
Gurudatt Somayaji, Hebri

Chameleonic politicians

For the last two years, Sanjay Raut, spokesperson of Shiv Sena and editor of a local newspaper, has been incessantly writing articles about the failure of the BJP government at the Centre and attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally using harsh and sometimes vitriolic language. So the news that he has suddenly started praising Modi just two days after Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's one-on-one meeting with the PM is surprising. Chameleonic leaders like Raut are a curse to Indian politics.
Ravi Mannethu, Pullad

Sasikala back in politics?

With the AIADMK on the backfoot after losing in the recent Assembly elections, former Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa's long-time friend and associate V K Sasikala, now free after serving four years in jail, is clearly eyeing a comeback into mainstream politics. While Edappadi K Palaniswami, whom she appointed as chief minister before she went to jail, is still giving her the cold shoulder, O Panneerselvam seems to be warming up to her.
C V Aravind, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
GDP crashing, Unemployment soaring, Fuel prices skyrocketing. In how many more ways is #BJPLootingIndia?

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
Even while he's belatedly trying to course-correct, Hon'ble PM still attempting to shift blame on state govts for vaccination debacle

Ravi Shankar Prasad @rsprasad
It is a requirement of law to get ration through fair price shops. Good to see home delivery, but if go inside, you'll understand the scams

More of a blow for BJP than TMC's gain

Roy says he was unhappy in saffron camp, Mamata reminds other turncoats this is no signal for them to return

Our party is strong enough. We secured a landslide victory. Mukul has returned. He has a very old connection with the party —Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

I will let everything be known in a written statement, elaborating why I took this decision to return to TMC from BJP —Mukul Roy, BJP vice-president and West Bengal MLA

There are thousands of BJP workers in the state. Can't say how Mukul Roy's absence will hurt us. His presence wasn't of much benefit —Dilip Ghosh, West Bengal BJP chief

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

MAMATA Banerjee's decision to welcome BJP's national vice-president Mukul Roy back into the Trinamool Congress fold appears to be more of an attempt to causing damage to the saffron camp than strengthening her own party.

With an overwhelming mandate in the Assembly elections, TMC seems to have things covered on the organisational front. Mamata's trusted man-management aide Roy, who joined BJP in 2017, continues to be a prominent figure. But not someone that TMC needed desperately to set its own house in order. Rather, it's a move to weaken BJP in the state.

"Our party is strong enough. We secured a landslide victory in the elections. Mukul has returned to TMC. He has a very old connection with the party. Many others would also feel like returning to TMC from the BJP," said Mamata.

Sources in the ruling party feel the return of TMC's former second-in-command is the first blow to BJP since its poor performance in the elections. "The performance of the TMC came without Roy, who used to be known for his ability to manage elections. Our party has nothing to gain by inducting him, but this will damage the BJP's organisational set-up. It was Roy who had poached many of our leaders on behalf of the saffron camp. It is expected that the followers of Roy will start making a beeline to return to TMC," said a senior TMC leader.

Mamata Banerjee and Mukul Roy (R) at a media briefing in Kolkata on Friday | PTI

After bringing the saffron camp's 'Chanakya' back in its fold, TMC will now aim at shaking BJP's foundation in West Bengal. BJP is the TMC's only opposition, having bagged 77 of 294 seats. It was way below the 200-mark predicted by top party leaders including Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. "Many of our leaders and MLAs jumped ship and became prominent faces in BJP. Roy's return will deliver a message to the turncoats," said another TMC leader.

Mamata, however, made it clear that all turncoats are not welcome. "We will not accept the return of traitors who strengthened BJP's hand before the Assembly elections. We will accept only those who have been sober and gentle after joining BJP," said the chief minister.

After Roy shifted allegiance from TMC to BJP in 2017, a total of 33 TMC MLAs joined BJP. The exodus continued till just before the Assembly elections held in March-April. Roy's return to TMC is the first defection from the saffron camp after the election.

Couldn't continue in saffron party, says Roy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

SITTING beside Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee on Friday, Mukul Roy made it clear that he could not continue in BJP and that is why he decided to return to his old party. The BJP's national vice-president, who ended his three-year and nine-month stint in the saffron camp, said he would issue a statement on what made him quit.

"It was not possible to continue in the BJP. I have returned to my old place. I will let everything be known in a written statement, elaborating why I took this decision," said Roy.

Welcoming Roy back into the fold, Mamata said: "He was unhappy in BJP. Also, he was not physically well."

BJP functionaries in Bengal, who had followed Roy into the saffron party, said he was sidelined and left as nothing more than an MLA in Bengal's political landscape. "Differences between Roy and (BJP's state president) Dilip Ghosh became prominent on several occasions. He played a crucial role in the party's impressive performance in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections when we won 18 of 42 seats. But he was not given any organisational responsibility in Bengal. The national vice-president post was an ornamental designation. He had no stake in the party's electoral strategy before the Assembly elections," said a BJP leader close to Roy.

Roy's unhappiness became clear after the Assembly election results. He skipped two meetings convened by Ghosh. Asked about that, Roy had said he was not informed about those meetings.

Known for his skill in managing elections, Mamata's one-trusted aide was not optimally used by BJP in the high-octane polls. "Instead, they fielded him in a constituency (Krishnagar North) which is far away from his hometown and not a place of his influence. It was basically aimed at confining him to the constituency from where he contested and won," said the BJP leader.

COVID TRACKER

1.24% NATIONAL FATALITY RATE

11,21,671 Active cases in India

4.49% DAILY POSITIVITY RATE

46,281 Net decline in cases

94.93% NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE

20,44,131 Tests conducted on Thursday

18 Successive days daily positivity rate under 10%

COVID-19 VACCINATION COVERAGE

	Healthcare workers	Frontline workers	People above 45	People aged 18-44 yrs	TOTAL
1st Dose	1.00 Cr	1.65 Cr	13.60 Cr	3.60 Cr	19.85 Cr
2nd Dose	0.69 Cr	0.88 Cr	3.14 Cr	0.05 Cr	4.76 Cr
TOTAL	1.69 Cr	2.53 Cr	16.74 Cr	3.65 Cr	24.61 Cr

(As on 11th June'21)

24,44,06,096 TOTAL VACCINES ADMINISTERED

1,17,56,911 Doses available with states/UTs

38,21,170 Doses to be supplied in 3 days

HELPLINE NUMBERS

1075: National helpline | **1098:** Child helpline | **14567:** Senior citizens helpline | **08046110007:** Helpline of NIMHANS for psychological support

Government tells states to conduct own sero surveys

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WHILE announcing on Friday that a nationwide Covid-19 sero survey is being planned this month, government authorities also asked states to carry out own, localised surveillance exercises to assess the real extent of the infection spread.

The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) will start the fourth round of the project in the coming days to determine the prevalence of coronavirus antibodies in the community, said V K Paul, member, health, Niti Aayog, who also heads the national Covid task force.

"Preparation for national sero survey is done. ICMR will begin work for the next survey this month. But if we want to protect our geographies, we won't have to depend on national sero survey alone, we'll have to encourage states for sero surveys too," said Paul in a briefing by the Union health ministry.

The serosurveillance project being planned by the health research body will be carried out in 70 districts — where the previous rounds had been carried out — across 21 states and will also include children above six years apart from adults.

In addition, blood samples of health care workers in district hospitals will also be collected. The 21 states where samples would be collected from include Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.

The overall percentage of people above 18 years of age with antibodies against the Covid-19 virus in the country was 21.4%, the third ICMR survey had shown.

For the survey carried out between December 17 to January 8 — nearly three months before the ferocious second wave of the pandemic hit the country — blood samples from 28,589 individuals and another group of 7,171 healthcare workers were tested. The findings had also revealed that while seroprevalence among children aged 10-17 years was 25.3%, it was not much different at 25.7% among the healthcare workers.

Centre asks Bihar for death details after tally correction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Union government has asked Bihar to share date and district-wise details of Covid-19 deaths, two days after the state reconciled data and reported 3,971 new deaths caused by the disease. The Centre also said states have been advised repeatedly to record deaths in accordance with guidelines.

The government also emphasised that as early as May last year, to avoid inconsistency or confusion in the number of deaths being reported, the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) had issued "Guidance for appropriate recording of Covid-19 related deaths in India" for correct recording of all deaths by states as per ICD-10 codes recommended by WHO for mortality coding.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has regularly emphasised the need for a robust reporting mechanism to monitor district-wise cases and deaths on a daily basis, the government said in a statement.

10K new deaths in revised Maha tally

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra health department has revised its tally of Covid-19 deaths. After that, 10,693 more cases of death have been added to the official tally of the state, which now stands at 1,06,367 since the outbreak of the pandemic.

Officials have said due to technical glitches, there were errors in the previous tally, which have now been corrected. However, opposition party BJP has alleged that the state government had concealed these numbers and citing technical glitches to cover up.

"This is not an issue of pride or insult, but transparency is very important to fight against this virus. I have written several times to the government to be transparent during the pandemic," Fadnavis said.

Sources in government said that the total Covid-19 death tally can go further up. So each day, new death figures will be added to the total death tally maintained and updated by the state government.

According to the Maharashtra health department, they collect information on positive cases and deaths from various government sources at various platforms. "Sometimes, private hospitals do not share the information about positive cases and deaths caused by Covid-19 on time. On such occasions, that piled up data is collaborated afterwards. So, it is not a deliberate attempt to under-report deaths, but a part of the system. As and when we receive the information, it is immediately added to the total tally of the positive cases and deaths," said a health department official.

"In the month of May, there were large numbers of Covid-19 positive cases and deaths and that made the administration's task of maintaining daily data difficult. They were busy arranging beds, oxygen, medicines and other services to tackle the pandemic. Therefore, most of the numbers added later are from May," said a health officer. He added that since the situation is becoming normal to an extent now, local administrators have been asked to verify and cross-check the all the information about positive cases and deaths. According to him, the process is smooth now and that there are no additional problems.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray have also said that the state government will not hide any Covid-19 related information from the public or anybody else.

Figures updated in Uttarakhand too

Dehradun: Uttarakhand has recorded 922 'backlog deaths' till June 11, raising questions on Covid mortality data. Of these, 89 were reported on October 17, followed by 29 on May 9 and 65 on May 14. Since May 17, this has been a regular feature in the daily Covid bulletin of the state. As per rules, hospitals have to report deaths in 24 hours. But in reality, the hospitals have reported deaths much later. "Deaths reported from previous dates added in cumulative figure. These were reflected in district reports/daily bulletin, but not submitted timely to state COVID-19 control room," said officials.

No damage to BJP by Mukul's exit: Ghosh

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AFTER he was welcomed back to the TMC fold, Roy said, "I am happy to be in my old place. I could not continue in the BJP, so I decided to join the TMC." BJP state president Dilip Ghosh, however, sought to downplay Roy's departure, saying, "With his presence, we did not get any dividend. What damage will be caused because of his defection?" TMC sources told this newspaper Roy's old rivalry with Mamata's nephew could dent his position in the party. "He was the second-in-command in the party. But later, he became unhappy with the rise of the CM's nephew Abhishek. Now Abhishek is much more powerful as the national general secretary, which indicates the party's line of succession."

HEALTH WORKER

The health conscious enjoy a session on the treadmill as gymnasiums reopen in Ahmedabad, on Friday | PTI

Night vaccination drive in 3 Kashmir villages draws encouraging response

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

HEALTHCARE workers have launched a night vaccination drive against Covid-19 in three remote villages of Bandipora in north Kashmir, where males usually go out for grazing cattle during the day and return in the evening.

Block Medical Officer (BMO) Bandipora Dr Masrat Iqbal told this newspaper that the drive is aimed at 100% vaccination of the north Kashmir district. Three villages — Kudara, Sumlar and Chandaji — have been chosen for the 7-11 pm slot since most males in these villages return only in the evening. "We changed strategy. Rather than they coming to us, we to reach their doorsteps at night for their convenience," he said.

Health workers have to walk many kilometers to reach these villages and stay overnight to be able to vaccinate the villagers. "Had we not launched night vaccination, we would not have been able to vaccinate a large population of the district," the BMO said.

He said of the total 500 villagers falling in the 45-plus age group, 370 have been vaccinated during the night vaccination drive. "Others will also be vaccinated in the coming days to achieve the 100% vaccination target," said Dr Masrat.

For vaccinating those in the 18-45-year age group, he said the administration was registering such people. "After completing their registration, we will be vaccinating them too. About 1,000 villagers in the three villages fall in the category," the doctor added.

He said night vaccination has received good response as villagers don't have to travel to vaccination centres. He said due to rumours, there was some hesitancy initially, but with counseling and awareness, they have chosen to get vaccinated.

Single dose sufficient for those who recover from mild Covid: AIIMS study

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SINGLE-DOSE immunization with Covid-19 vaccine may be sufficient for protecting patients who have recovered from mild bouts of the disease, as the immunological memory that they develop keeps its imprint for a few years, says a study conducted on Indian patients.

The study comes when the country is looking at vaccinating everyone above 18 by year end. The vaccine is considered as the most effective preventive measure to protect from the pandemic that has become a major threat globally.

However, how long the vaccine will protect, whether it will protect against all recently circulating and future variants of the virus, and what should be the vaccination schedule and dosage for individuals recovered are questions that need answers for successful implementation of vaccination.

A study by Dr Nimesh Gupta's group at the National Institute of Immunology in collaboration with Dr Ashok Sharma, Biochemistry Department, and Dr Poonam Coshic, Department of Transfusion Medicine at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, reveals that Indians recovered from mild Covid have durable immunological memory in most important arms of protective immunity — T cells and B cells.

The team believes the immunological memory, which can last a few years, is predominantly associated with the Spike protein of the virus. These responses are mainly targeted at the Spike protein, and it also gives high hopes to the current vaccines.

The research supported under the Intensification of Research in High Priority Areas (IRHPA) scheme of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), says if the vaccine can induce the immune response like seen in mild patients, then we will have an effective and long-lasting cellular immunity against SARS-CoV-2.

EXPRESS READ

SC defers PG medical entrance examination

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday ordered the All India Institute of Medical Sciences to postpone the INI CET Examination by a month. The court clarified that the exam scheduled for June 16 can be held after a month from that date. This exam is conducted for admission to higher studies in the field of medicine/post graduate studies.

NOTED NEUROLOGIST DIES

Prominent neurologist and Padma Shri recipient Dr Ashok Panagariya died of post-Covid complications. Dr Panagariya, 71, was on ventilator support for the past several days

5 KILLED AMID HEAVY RAIN IN PUNJAB'S PATIALA DISTRICT

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	39	28	Mumbai	29	17
Bhopal	34	24	Panaji	33	25
Jaipur	41	29	Patna	34	25
Amritsar	36	29	Lucknow	35	26
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	32	26	Imphal	30	21
Srinagar	33	19	Chandigarh	34	25

Param Bir's plea to transfer probe outside Maha nixed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday rejected former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh's plea seeking transfer of all inquiries against him to an independent agency outside Maharashtra.

"You have been in the police force for 30 years. You can't now say you want your inquiries outside the state. You can't have doubts over your own force. You are part of the Maharashtra cadre and now you don't trust the functioning of your own state? This is shocking," a vacation bench comprising Justices Hemant Gupta and V Ramasubramanian said.

"It is commonly said, the person who lives in a glass house should not throw stones at others," the bench said.

Following these observations, Param Bir Singh withdrew his plea. On March 17, Singh was removed from the post of Mumbai Police Commissioner after Sachin Vaze was arrested in connection with the Antilia bomb scare. Just days after his removal, Singh wrote a letter to CM Uddhav Thackeray alleging that then Home Minister Anil Deshmukh was running an extortion racket and that Sachin Vaze and other officers were given a target of ₹100 crore to be collected from 1,750 bars and restaurants in Mumbai.

The Bombay HC ordered a CBI investigation into the allegations, and Deshmukh had to resign as home minister.

In his plea to the SC, Singh said that he had been made to face several inquiries by the government after his allegation against Deshmukh.

DRAMA AND SUSPENSE

POLITICAL CHURN ACROSS INDIA

Talk of non-BJP, non-Cong alliance as Pawar meets Prashant Kishor

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

NOTED political strategist Prashant Kishor met Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar on Friday, setting off speculations that a non-BJP, non-Congress national front comprising regional parties is in the offing ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

The meeting over lunch at Pawar's residence was also attended by NCP state president Jayant Patil and party MP Supriya Sule. The meeting lasted for more than three hours, sources said.

According to the sources, who were privy to the discussion, NCP chief Sharad Pawar and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee want to form a non-BJP, non-Congress front of all regional parties to fight against the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and the Friday's meeting focused on the prospects of it.

"Prashant Kishor, first of all, gave a presentation and told us that there are more than 400 Lok Sabha seats where non-BJP and non-Congress parties can fight strongly. Congress is no more in a position to defeat the BJP. Every alternate day, some Congress leader is either joining the BJP or other parties. Therefore, if we want to defeat the BJP, the regional forces have to come together. Otherwise, the authoritarian leadership of the saffron party will, steps by step, destroy India's federal structure and its cultural diversity," said a source.

Sharad Pawar

Prashant Kishor

"Prashant Kishor has shown that if all the forces are brought together, then the BJP can easily be defeated. He has shown it in West Bengal and other states as well. Besides, he is also in touch with other regional parties likes DMK, YRS Congress, Shiv Sena, Samata Party, etc. He can work as a catalyst on the larger front," said another source.

"The agenda of this regional federal front will be to protect the regional identity of these regional parties and their federal structure. Prashant Kishor earlier said that he will no more work as a strategist for one party and may work on a bigger goal and platform and a federal front could be in making for 2024," said the source.

Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut said many leaders are in touch with Kishor, while NCP's Chhagan Bhujbal said he was no aware of the agenda of the meeting.

"Kishor was a successful political strategist. Sharad Pawar will take into account Kishor's suggestions," he added. Kishor had met Uddhav Thackeray in 2019 before the latter became chief minister

It was Kishor's first meeting with Pawar after the victory of the DMK and the TMC in the assembly elections in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal respectively. He had helped craft the election strategy for these parties in the Assembly elections.

After the assembly poll results, the election strategist had said that he was "quitting this space".

Amarinder Singh

Navjot Singh Sidhu

Punjab Congress rift not over as poster war erupts

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

DAYS after a Congress panel constituted by party interim president Sonia Gandhi to resolve infighting in Punjab met party MLAs and leaders in the state, the infighting within the Congress' Punjab unit appears far from over.

A poster war has erupted between loyalists of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and party MLA and former cabinet minister Navjot Singh Sidhu.

Numerous posters featuring Sidhu have been put up in Patiala, the hometown of Amarinder, while posters of the chief minister have appeared in many places in the holy city of Amritsar

Sources said a section within the party is of the view that unless the sacrilege case is brought to its logical conclusion, it will be hard for the Amarinder-led government to face the public.

Also, a section within the party believes that the government had failed in fulfilling many of the promises made before it came to power, including renegotiating power purchase agreements and making the report on drug mafia submitted to the Punjab and Haryana High Court public.

A senior Congress leader said on condition of anonymity that the disgruntled faction is trying to put pressure on the party high command to change the leadership.

The poster war has only added to the tensions. Posters saying 'whole of Punjab is with Sidhu' has come up in Patiala. Posters calling him the 'voice of the farmers' are also doing rounds.

Meanwhile, Amarinder loyalists have put up posters with messages 'Captain for 2022' and 'There's only one captain' in many areas of the holy city of Amritsar.

Amid all these, state technical education minister Charanjit Singh Channi, who had criticised Amarinder, had put out his own poster saying "in every household, there's talk that Channi solves everyone's problems".

NDA ally meets with Lalu's son

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ Patna

NDA ally Hindustan Awami Morcha (HAM) president Jitan Ram Manjhi on Friday created a flutter within the BJP-led alliance by holding a closed-door meeting with the elder son of RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav

The meeting comes days after Manjhi demanded a caste-based national consensus from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Jitan Ram Manjhi

According to informed sources, Tej Pratap Yadav reached Manjhi's residence on Friday, and the two held talks for about half an hour.

Manjhi also called up Lalu Prasad and wished him a happy birthday.

Manjhi's closed-door meeting with Tej Pratap has understandably triggered anxiety in the NDA. Also, Tej Pratap's recent comment welcoming anyone who wants to return to the Mahagatvandhan had added to the speculation that Manjhi may ditch the NDA. "He is a guardian-like figure in NDA and hopes he will do the best for the alliance," a senior BJP leader said.

Scindia, Sonowal in Cabinet race

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THE list of the Union Cabinet hopefuls has grown, with former Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal joining the likes of Jyotiraditya Scindia and Sushil Kumar Modi, besides NDA ally JD (U). And the Parliamentary Board has four vacancies. A common theme emerging out of consultations between RSS and BJP leaders recently is the need for an image makeover of the government at the Centre with the induction of new faces.

BJP attacks Gupkar Alliance, calls it group of opportunists

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

BJP on Friday called the six-party Gupkar Alliance seeking restoration of special status for J&K as an "alliance of opportunists".

"Gupkar leaders remained dormant from public service during the Covid-19 and met after six months only for political gains," BJP general secretary Vibodh Gupta told reporters.

He was referring to a meeting of Gupkar Alliance a few days back in which the leaders of the six alliance members reiterated that they stand for the restoration of Articles 370 and 35A and statehood to J&K and said doors are open for talks.

"The Gupkar Alliance was not visible during the Covid-19 pandemic. They had made zero contributions during the pandemic. It is an alliance of opportunist leaders and the same is palpable by their conduct," Gupta said.

Referring to the speculations on changes to J&K status, he said, "These are all rumours and nothing else. Some people want to again create an atmosphere of fear and terror in the Valley."

He said nothing big is going to happen except delimitation. "The delimitation commission will carry out a delimitation exercise. There is no political interference. We are associate members, but we have no role in the delimitation exercise. There will be no injustice in any district."

A RIDE TO THE FUTURE?

A car mounted on a horse cart during protests by Congress supporters in Amritsar against the Centre's frequent hiking of petrol and diesel prices on Friday. Congress-led protests took place in many parts of the country | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Chinese man caught smuggling Indian SIMs

Kolkata: A Chinese national apprehended while trying to cross the India-Bangladesh border illegally has told the investigators that he and his associates have smuggled as many as 1,300 Indian SIM cards into their country by hiding them in undergarments, the BSF said on Friday.Han Junwe, 35, a resident of China's Hubei province, has been handed over by the Border Security Force (BSF) to the West Bengal police for "further legal proceedings".

Phase 3 data will be out in 7-8 days, says V K Paul

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NO vaccine manufactured or developed from India has ever received EUA or full licensure from USFDA. "Thus, it will be a great leap forward for vaccine innovation and manufacturing from India when approved," claimed Bharat Biotech.

Covaxin has restricted use permission from 14 countries while its applications are under evaluation in more than 50 other countries. The WHO is yet to issue its EUA due to lack of data.

Back home, the company is under fire for not publishing the results of its efficacy trials, completed earlier this year on nearly 26,000 volunteers. It had said on Wednesday that data was being analysed and will first be sent to the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation before being submitted for publication.

In a press briefing on Friday, V K Paul, member (health), Niti Aayog, and chief of the national Covid-19 task force, however, assured it could be sooner. "I have been told that Bharat Biotech will publish phase 3 data in the next 7-8 days," he said.

On the USFDA's decision, he said he respected it, adding that while every country's regulatory system might have some things in common with others, there are things and processes that are different. "Scientific framework is the same but its nuancing is as per context," Paul said.

"All of these are scientific considerations and keeping those in mind, the nuancing might be different, especially in those countries where science is strong. Our manufacturing is strong. They have decided this, we respect it," he added.

Congress slams Himanta over comment on population rise

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR
@ Guwahati

The Assam unit of Congress criticised Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for his statement asking the state's migrant Muslims to "practice small family size".

The Congress said the statement was "unbecoming of a CM who is expected to be well versed in the demographic facts of the state".

The Congress said as per the latest National Family Health Survey, undertaken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and released in December 2020, the total fertility rate (TFR) across most Indian states declined in the last five years.

"The total fertility rate is defined as the average number of children that would be born to a woman by the time she ends childbearing. A TFR of 2.1 is known as the replacement rate.

Himanta Biswa Sarma

The fertility rate of less than 2.1 implies that the total population is declining.

"As per the same survey, the fertility rate of women in Assam has declined from 2.2 in 2015-16 to 1.9 in 2020-21 and 1.9 is less than 2.1 which means the future population of Assam will only be less than the current population," the Congress said. It said there was no evidence of an increase in population in the data. "If he is referring to a population explosion that may happen in future due to immigration of people from Bangladesh and Pakistan after the implementation of Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), then his concern is valid," the Congress said.

Himanta had said if the population continued to rise, one day the land of Kamakhya temple and his house would be encroached upon. Reacting to this, Congress assured the CM that it will take definite steps and do its best to save Kamakhya and his house.

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PATNA DIARY

12 universities from state win prestigious award

The Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education has selected 12 higher educational institutions from Bihar, including Patna's St Xavier College of Management and Technology for "One District- One Green Champion" awards 2020-21. As many as more than 1,000 higher education institutions from across India were considered for the award. However, only 400, including 12 from Bihar, were selected for the award this year. Of the 400 universities, 75 are from Uttar Pradesh, followed by 38 from Tamil Nadu, 29 from Telangana, and 24 from Maharashtra. Apart from Patna, universities from more than ten other districts of Bihar won the award

Govt to support women who lost husbands to Covid

After announcing financial support to the children orphaned by Covid-19, the Bihar government has decided to give monthly pension to all women whose husbands had died due to Covid. The Director of the state social welfare department said a list with names of 2,026 women who lost their husbands to Covid has been prepared. A monthly pension of `600 would be given to each of these widows from this month. "Bank accounts of 1,413 of the 2,026 listed widows have been verified for the purpose. Of the widows listed, 176 are from Patna, followed by 153 from West Champaran, 110 from Begusarai, 95 from Muzaffarpur, 83 from Nawada, 82 from Saran, and the rest from other districts of Bihar.

5 crore saplings to be planted by August 9

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has launched a mission to plant 5 crore saplings in 65 days on World Environment Day here. The aim of the mission is to increase the state's green coverage from the present 15% to 17% areas. The chief minister launched the mission by planting a tree at his residence under the Jal-Jeevan-hariyali campaign. Out of the total of 5 crore saplings to be planted by August 9, 1.24 crore will be planted by the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, two crore by the Rural Development Department and 1.5 crore by women working through SHGs.

NCC to be elective course in Bihar universities

The state education department is planning to introduce National Cadet Corps as an elective course in the universities of Bihar. At a meeting of the NCC director-general of Bihar & Jharkhand, Bihar chief secretary Tripurari Sharan and additional chief secretary-cum –education secretary Sanjay Kumar, it was decided to introduce NCC as an elective course. Sanjay Kumar assured that all efforts would be made to get the resolution passed in the state academic council. The government will soon issue a notification adopting NCC as an elective course in the state's universities. The newly-designed NCC elective course will carry 24 credits spread over six semesters with specific credit for attending a rigorous 10-day camp.

160 kg
of cocaine hidden inside banana shipments to French retail chain Carrefour was seized by Polish police on Friday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	36	22	LC	Los Angeles	28	17	SNY
Colombo	29	26	LC	Melbourne	15	8	LC
Dhaka	31	26	TDS	Moscow	21	14	SNY
Dubai	39	30	SNY	New York	23	16	LC
Houston	35	25	LC	Singapore	31	27	TDS
Istanbul	27	17	SNY	Toronto	21	16	LC
London	25	14	SNY	Washington	26	18	LR

Leaders of the G7 pose for a group photo on overlooking the beach at the Carbis Bay Hotel in Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall, England, on Friday | AP/PTI

G7 countries gather to pledge 1bn vaccine doses

Donations fall short of world's requirement of 11bn doses: Activists

CARBIS BAY, UK

G7 leaders on Friday opened their first in-person talks in nearly two years, with an expected pledge to donate one billion Covid vaccine doses to poor countries on the agenda in a show of Western democratic cohesion.

The club of leading economies — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and United States — say a joint approach is the world's best chance for recovering from the global health crisis, and tackling climate change.

Welcomed by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to the beachside summit venue in Carbis Bay, southwest England, the leaders posed for a family photo before opening their first session of talks on "building back better" after the pandemic. The meeting presents a "huge opportunity" for global pandemic recovery, Johnson told his fellow leaders in opening remarks, as they sat socially distanced and without masks at a round table.

It would focus, he said, on "building back greener, building back fairer and building back more equal", with an emphasis on gender equality.

US President Joe Biden had set the tone, ditching Donald Trump's isolationist stance to ram home a message of resolve by the G7 and NATO against both Beijing and Moscow, as he heads into his first sit-down with Russian President Vladimir Putin next week in Geneva. Campaigners say the G7's vaccine donations pledge for this year and next — including 500 million US doses — is far too little, too late to end a pandemic that has claimed over 3.7 million lives worldwide. "If the best G7 leaders can manage is to donate one billion vaccine doses then this summit will have been a failure," Oxfam said, insisting the world needs 11 billion doses. But the G7 wants to rise to competing "vaccine diplomacy" efforts launched by China and Russia, with the Biden administration stressing it expects nothing in return for its donated jabs.

The leaders are also expected to outline more help for developing nations to build up infrastructure, as a counterpoint to the debt-fuelled spending by China in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The initiative "will embrace a high standards, transparent, climate friendly, non-corrupt mechanism" for infrastructure investment in the developing world, a senior US official said. *AFP*

Ccleric detained for threatening Malala

PESHAWAR

A FIREBRAND Pakistani scholar has been detained for making death threats against Nobel prize laureate **Malala Yousafzai** over her comments on marriage, officials said on Friday. Since surviving an assassination attempt by the Taliban at aged 15 in Pakistan, the Oxford graduate has become a global figure promoting education for girls.

But a recent interview with the fashion magazine Vogue stirred debate in her home

country — where she is already a divisive figure — when she questioned whether a legal union between a couple was necessary. The issue was debated by MPs in her home province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, who said her comments were against Islam. "Malala is dreaming to become the country's prime minister but promoting obscenity," cleric Sardar Ali told students of a local seminary in the northwestern city of Lakki Marwat last week. He added that he would blow her up in a suicide attack if she returned.

Police official Wasim Sajjad told AFP Sardar Ali had been charged with making threats, hate speech, and inciting terrorism. The arrest was confirmed by a second police official, Muhammad Imran. *AFP*

Pulitzer honour for teen who filmed George Floyd muder

NEW TORK

THE Pulitzer Prize Board awarded a "special citation" on Friday to the teenager whose video of the murder of George Floyd by a white police officer sparked worldwide protests against racial injustice. Eighteen-year-old Darnella Frazier was honoured as New York's Columbia University announced the 2021 prestigious journalism awards in a virtual ceremony.

Darnella Frazier

Frazier was being recognized "for courageously recording the murder of George Floyd, a video that spurred protests against police brutality around the world, highlighting the crucial role of citizens in journalists' quest for truth and justice," the citation said. Frazier was also among the witnesses who testified at the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. The staff of the Star Tribune of Minneapolis was awarded the Pulitzer in the breaking news category for its coverage of Floyd's death. AFP

Lanka testing waters to see if sinking ship is leaking oil

COLOMBO

SRI Lankan authorities have taken water samples to try to determine whether a fire-ravaged cargo ship slowly sinking off the coast is leaking oil, officials said on Friday. Results of the tests taken on Thursday by the Marine Environment Protection Authority are still pending, the country's environment minister said.

The tests were prompted by satellite images from Planet Labs Inc. that showed a substance that could be oil in the water near the Singapore-flagged MV X-Press Pearl, which was devastated by a nearly two-week fire before it started sinking last week.

The fire destroyed most of the ship's cargo, which included 25 tons of nitric acid and other chemicals. However, debris including burned fiberglass and tons of plastic pellets have already polluted nearby beaches and there are concerns that a spill of remaining chemicals and oil on the ship could devastate marine life.

The ship's operator X-Press Feeders said in a statement that "a grey sheen has been observed emanating from the vessel, and water samples are currently being tested." Nalaka Godahewa, state minister in charge of coast conservation, said in a tweet that the satellite 'imagery could be misleading' and that both the Sri Lankan and Indian navy had confirmed to him that there was no large oil spill. *AP*

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Reserve Price: Rs.81,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs)

EMD: Rs.8,10,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ten Thousand)

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS: All that part and parcel of the immovable residential Villa No.15, comprising of Ground, First and Second floors, together with existing and future building and structures there on situated at Suchiraa Villas having build up area of 2317 Sq.ft together with a Car parking space, along with 1691 Sq.ft of undivided share of land comprised in Schedule A property on the Plot bearing No.15, formed in the property bearing Municipal No.11, carved out of converted lands in Sy. No.57 of Shettihalli Village, YeshwanthpuraHobli, BBMP Ward No.12, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560013 including one car park space on the ground floor, owned by Mr. Murali Gowda. Boundaries: East by: Villa No.14, West by: Road, North by: Villa No.16, South by: Club House.

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

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Special E- auction

JUNE e-Auction-2021

DATE	DIVN/DEPOT
30.06.2021	SECUNDERABAD, HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, VIJAYAWADA, NANDED, GUNTUR, LALLAGUDA & TIRUPATI

JULY e-Auction-2021

DATE	DIVN/DEPOT
01.07.2021	SECUNDERABAD
02.07.2021	VIJAYAWADA
03.07.2021	LALLAGUDA
05.07.2021	HYDERABAD, RAYANAPADU
06.07.2021	GUNTAKAL
07.07.2021	NANDED
08.07.2021	GUNTUR
09.07.2021	TIRUPATI
10.07.2021	RAYANAPADU
12.07.2021	SECUNDERABAD
13.07.2021	VIJAYAWADA
14.07.2021	HYDERABAD, LALLAGUDA
15.07.2021	GUNTAKAL
16.07.2021	NANDED
17.07.2021	TIRUPATI
19.07.2021	GUNTUR
20.07.2021	LALLAGUDA
22.07.2021	SECUNDERABAD
23.07.2021	VIJAYAWADA
24.07.2021	RAYANAPADU
26.07.2021	HYDERABAD
27.07.2021	GUNTAKAL
28.07.2021	NANDED
29.07.2021	LALLAGUDA
30.07.2021	SECUNDERABAD, HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, VIJAYAWADA, NANDED, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI
31.07.2021	TIRUPATI, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU

AUGUST e-Auction-2021

DATE	DIVN/DEPOT
02.08.2021	SECUNDERABAD
03.08.2021	VIJAYAWADA
04.08.2021	HYDERABAD
05.08.2021	RAYANAPADU
06.08.2021	GUNTAKAL
07.08.2021	LALLAGUDA
09.08.2021	GUNTUR
10.08.2021	NANDED
11.08.2021	RAYANAPADU
12.08.2021	SECUNDERABAD
13.08.2021	VIJAYAWADA
14.08.2021	TIRUPATI
16.08.2021	HYDERABAD
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18.08.2021	NANDED
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Reserve Price: Rs.1,38,17,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs and Seventeen Thousand)

EMD : Rs.13,81,700/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Seven Hundred)

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS: Equitable mortgage of the property on first floor of the residential building (measuring 700 sq.ft.), bearing Municipal No. 5/1 (Old no.10), situated at HIG, KHB Colony in A.D. Halli Extension, 1st 'A' Main Road, Bangalore, PID No.18-20-5/1, presently under BBMP limits, Ward No.18, Bangalore. Extent of the property : Measuring 1200 sq.ft of undivided share in the site area (50% out of 2400 sq.ft) and together with right on the two sumps with half share in the site and property stands in the name of Mr. L Prakash and bounded on: East by - MIG 30 & 31, West by - Road, North by - House no: 11 HIG, South by - House no: 9 HIG.

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

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Date & Time of E-auction: **15-07-2021 between 11.00am to 05.00pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded).

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Reserve Price: Rs.1,61,82,000/- (Rupees One Crore SixtyOne lakhs EightyTwo Thousand Only)

EMD : Rs.16,18,200/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Only)

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS: EQM of immovable property bearing no.157, PID no.55-40-157, Jarganahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the jurisdiction of BBMP ward no.55, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West (44+37)/2 ft and North to South (45+44)/2 ft, owned by Mr. Srimurthy N (You no.1) and the property bounded on East by : Road, West by : Kadirenahalli Border North by : Property no.156, South by : Land bearing Sy.no.54.

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

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Reserve Price: Rs.40,50,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Fifty Thousand)

EMD : Rs.4,05,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Five Thousand)

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS: All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing Flat No. SF-2, 2nd Floor, MSR Nigam Apartment, Site No.115, Old Khata No.150, BBMP Khatha No.597/4548/2516/115/150, PID No. 130-M0099-163, situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore 560056,with 1350 sq.ft. of super built up area, 300 sq.feet of undivided right , title and intrest in land, together with one covered car parking, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, owned by Mr,Murali. Bounded on: East by - Road, West by - Site No.116, North by - Site No.114, South by - Road.

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

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Schedule 'A' property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (Residential Flat) bearing Nos. 195, 196, 223, 224, BBMP Khata 2561, New No.2047/4/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196, measuring East to West: 70ft and North to South: 120ft, total admeasuring 8400 sq.ft carved out of the converted portion of the land in Sy Nos. 31, 32/1 and 35 vide conversion order bearing No. ALN. SR.2017/1970-71 dated 31.12.1973 situated at Padma Upadya Layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Boundaries: East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Site No.197 & Site No. 222, South by: Site No.194 & Site No. 225.

Schedule B property: Residential Flat bearing No. F-406,4th floor situated at Padma Upadya layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk in the building known as "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" consisting two bed rooms with kitchen, Dining, living rooms with vitrified flooring ,Sal Wood Doors, Aluminium windows and separate electricity connection, common water and sanitation with super built up area of 1439 sq ft along with and undivided share of 338 sq.ft., having one covered car park ,with other common areas in the Schedule A property and the terrace space, passage, pipes, drains and lift ,lobbies, staircase etc. owned by Mr. Nandeesh N.S.

Reserve Price : Rs.50,63,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Only)

EMD Rs. Rs.5,06,300/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Six Thousand Three Hundred Only)

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
174.29	Sensex	52,474.76	₹12	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,786	₹1,000	Per kg	₹72,400	Dollar	73.06
61.6	Nifty	15,799.35	₹12	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,776	₹1	Per gm	₹72.4	Euro	88.81

Crypto exchange WazirX under ED scanner

The agency has initiated investigation under FEMA for transactions involving cryptocurrencies worth ₹2790.74 cr

BISMAH MALIK / BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has served a show cause notice to the directors of India's largest cryptocurrency exchange, Wazir X — Nischal Shetty and Sameer Mhatre — on Friday for contravention of FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act), 1999 involving cryptocurrency transactions worth ₹2,790.74 crore.

The investigation agency said that it has initiated the probe on the basis of the ongoing money laundering investigation into Chinese-owned illegal online betting applications. "During the course of the investigation, it was seen that the accused Chinese nationals had laundered proceeds of crime worth ₹57 crore by converting the INR deposits into cryptocurrency Tether (USDT) and then transferring the same to to the Cayman Island-based bitcoin exchange Binance on instructions received from abroad," the ED said in the statement on Friday.

WazirX CEO Nischal Shetty, however, said that the company is yet to receive any notice from the investigating agency. "WazirX is in compliance with all applicable laws. We go beyond our legal obligations by following Know Your Customer and Anti Money Laundering (AML) processes and have always provided information to law enforcement authorities whenever required. Should we receive a formal communication or notice from the ED, we will fully cooperate in the investigation." he said, adding the funds are safe at WazirX and their is no need to worry.

Global cryptocurrency exchange Binance had acquired WazirX in 2019 which enabled Wazir X users to directly purchase digital asset Tether on binance.com using Indian currency. Siddharth Menon, chief operating officer, WazirX said that both Binance and WazirX accounts are operated by the same owner and are linked by the same email and there are no third-party transfers, unlike blockchain transfers. He added that KYC details are mandatory for any withdrawals from the accounts.

WazirX, ED alleged, does not collect the requisite documents in clear violation of the basic mandatory AML and combating financing of terrorism norms and FEMA guidelines.

April IIP at 2019 levels, contracts 12% over March

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

A low base helped skyrocket India's industrial activity with output levels growing 134.4 per cent in April (highest in the 2011-12 base period series) when compared to a near-washout April 2020. Most economists, however, have warned that the high numbers must be interpreted with caution as it comes on the back of 'nil production' last year. The real growth story, they said, remains humble as the economy is still struggling to match pre Covid-19 period. To be sure, the April figures were up by just 0.08 per cent from the pre-pandemic levels of April 2019.

On a sequential basis, IIP contracted 12 per cent in April, reflecting a hit on the manufacturing sector owing to the lockdowns imposed in most states to curb the spread of the second wave of Covid-19 cases. The manufacturing sector, hit hardest by the national lockdown over April 2020, recorded a 197.1 per cent uptick this April, though it was still 0.9 per cent lower than April 2019 levels. Electricity output rose 38.5 per cent in April 2021 from a year ago, and was 6.81 per cent higher than the pre-Covid-19 levels of April 2019. Similarly, Mining output grew 37 per cent year-on-year in April, but was only 0.2 per cent higher than the same month in 2019.

"Last year, output had come to a standstill in most sectors. Therefore, the growth numbers for April which are exceptionally high need to be ignored. A similar situation would arise in May too and it would be only from June that there could be reasonable numbers forthcoming," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at CARE Ratings. Even the National Statistical Office (NSO) stressed that the numbers are not strictly comparable with April 2020 when the country was in the midst of a national lockdown.

Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA said what is concerning is that capital goods and consumer durables output trailed the April 2019 levels by 14.3 per cent and 11.6 per cent, respectively, which suggests weakening consumption. The the level of industrial output of April 2021 does not provide an encouraging picture overall.

134.44%
IIP growth Apr'21 vs Apr'20

0.08%
IIP growth Apr'21 vs Apr'19

(-) 12%
IIP growth Apr'21 vs Mar'21

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MALAYSIA

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT RISES TO DECADE-HIGH

Malaysia's industrial production rose by a record 50.1 per cent in April from a year ago, marking the highest rate in more than a decade, on stronger demand across all sectors, government data showed. The production index measures factory output in manufacturing, mining and electricity generation. The previous record for industrial production was a 20.2 per cent spike in March, 2009. The sharp improvement was reflective of recovery due to base effects from a coronavirus lockdown in March last year, when the government shut down all economic activity, official data showed. Manufacturing output rose 68 per cent y-o-y in April, driven by demand for transport equipment and other manufacturers and non-metallic mineral products and basic metal and fabricated metal products. Exports rose 63 per cent – the quickest pace since 1998 – on a rise in shipments in all categories except liquefied natural gas and transport equipment.

INDONESIA

INFLATION AT HIGHEST IN FIVE MONTHS

Indonesia's annual inflation accelerated to 1.68 per cent in May – its highest since December– and roughly in line with expectations, as consumer spending rose during the Eid al-Fitr festivities, as per official data. However, the May inflation remained below the central bank's target range of 2-4 per cent. April inflation stood at 1.42 per cent. Annual core inflation, which excludes volatile food and government-controlled prices, also quickened for the first time since March, 2020 to 1.37 per cent in May -- the highest in three months. Separately, the country is considering tax hikes even on households, which experts believe poses downside risks to its GDP growth and upside risk to inflation in 2022. The government last month proposed tax reforms including new levies to help boost next year's revenues, reduce budget deficit and expand the tax base besides finding new sources of revenue to improve VAT collections.

VIETNAM

LOCAL CURRENCY AGAINST US DOLLAR STRENGTHENED

The State Bank of Vietnam (SVB) this week lowered its buying price for the US dollar by 0.65 per cent to VND22,975, the first such move in half a year. It also brought down the selling price by 0.04 per cent to VND23,774. This is the first time that the central bank has made changes to the VND/USD exchange rate since November 23 last year. It's the strongest reduction in over a year. The bank also lowered its reference price for the dollar by 0.04 per cent to VND23,130. Banks can trade at 3 per cent on either side of this rate. During the week, state-owned lender Vietcombank's dollar buying rate fell by 0.44 per cent to VND22,830. A strengthened Vietnamese dong will make imported goods cheaper and stimulate local consumer demand, but will soften the competitiveness of Vietnam's exports. The recent dip in the US dollar globally came when US Treasury yields were moribund and investors looked ahead to European and US central bank meets, Reuters reported.

Sensex, Nifty touch new highs, market capitalisation on BSE at record levels

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IT took nearly four months for the Sensex to breach its previous high. Supported by gain made by Reliance Industries, Infosys and TCS, Sensex on Friday touched a record intraday peak of 52,641.53 points, scaling its previous best of 52,516 points (February 15, 2021). The 30-stock index zoomed 341 points in early trade but ended only 174.29 points or 0.33 per cent higher at 52,474.76. Nifty, on the other hand, rose 98 points intra-day to lifetime high of 15,835 but closed at 15,799.35. Market capitalisation has now risen to a record high of ₹231.11 lakh crore on the BSE.

During this four month period (Feb 15- June 11), India's equity market experienced high volatility. When bond yields in the US rose to record high over fear of inflation in mid-April and the second wave of Covid-19 infection devastated India's healthcare system, Sensex fell as much as 5,000 points from its peak level to 47,300-47,400 levels. If US bond yields go up, foreign institutional investors become cautious and they start selling stocks in emerging markets such as India.

However, gradual recovery in global factors and expectations of a faster recovery from the second wave helped the market to recover in record time. Sensex gained over 3,154 points, or 6.5 per cent, in May 2021.

"Taking cues from the strength of the mother market US where S&P 500 touched record highs, Sensex rose to record highs touching 52641.53 in early morning trade. The rally was led by IT majors TCS, Infosys & HCL Tech with RIL also contributing to the rally. The banking stocks have been on the backfoot on concerns of rising NPAs," said VK Vijayakumar, Chief investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services. At present, bond yields in the US and Euro zone continue to fall. Even as the US consumer price index rose 4.2 per cent in April, investors believe the Federal Reserve would continue to keep interest rates low to maintain the recovery pace.

In the coming weeks, experts say, markets would monitor the spread of monsoon, daily new case count and easing of lockdown curbs. High inflation globally and firm crude oil prices will remain areas of concern.

Former IL&FS chairman R Parthasarathy arrested

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

AFTER having already arrested the former vice-chairman and managing director of fraud-hit infrastructure financier IL&FS, the Tamil Nadu police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW-II) arrested its former chairman Ravi Parthasarathy in Chennai on Friday, calling him the "Kingpin and mastermind" behind the massive fraud discovered in the company. According to a release from the EOW, Parthasarathy was produced before the TNPID (Tamil Nadu Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Court in Chennai, and the court has remanded him to judicial custody.

The arrest was made based on complaints given by 63 Moons Technologies which allegedly lost a sum of ₹200 crore and "complaints from various other depositors have also been received," the EOW said. Former vice-chairman Hari Sankaran and managing director Ramachand Karunakaran had also been arrested by the EOW here in 2019. In the case of Parthasarathy, an anticipatory bail petition had been filed, but was dismissed by the Madras High Court. He had been at the helm of the company for 25 years. IL&FS was sent to the bankruptcy courts in August 2019 by the government and was placed under a special management team led by Uday Kotak.

The seriousness of the alleged fraud perpetrated at the firm had come to light when two of IL&FS' firms defaulted in the July-September quarter of 2018, followed by defaults on inter-corporate deposit payments and loans from various other company firms. By October 2018, the government had moved to take control of the group of companies and appointed a board led by Kotak to handle its resolution.

PROBE

Sebi looking into PNB Housing deal with Carlyle

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PNB Housing Finance Ltd's ₹4,000 crore deal with US private equity firm Carlyle Group Inc. has come under the scanner of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) after proxy advisory firm SES red flagged the deal structure.

"We are aware that some shareholders have flagged a complain with Sebi on the low valuation of PNB Housing-Carlyle deal. They are looking into it," said sources in the finance ministry. Sebi also asked stock exchanges to see if there any other red flags, sources said,

In a recent report, Stakeholders Empowerment Services (SES) said that the deal was an abuse of minority shareholder rights and questioned as to why PNB willingly surrendered its control over its housing finance arm to the Carlyle Group without extracting fair compensation — control premium. SES also sees PNB having lost at least ₹2,000 crore in not insisting on a rights issue. PNB Housing board approved preferential attotment of shares worth ₹4,000 crore to Carlyle.

While PNB Housing said it was not giving away control to Carlyle, SES rubbished the claim saying that the fact that PNB has not cededed control is "technically incorrect".

Carlyle along with persons acting in concert would hold more than 50 per cent stake in the company, which gives them controlling powers in terms of voting rights as per Sebi takeover code. "PNB would have a 20 per cent stake (down from 33 per cent earlier) and would be reduced to a smaller partner," the governance watchdog said.

Now, Carlyle and PNB both will have power to nominate two directors on the Board.

"However, the post of chairperson shall be nominated by Carlyle," SES said. The company wants investors to believe that even with book value per share of about ₹530, the proposed issue price is fair although book value indicates that the intrinsic value is quite higher than the issue price.

'MFI loans that are overdue beyond 30 days to cross demonetisation peak'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MICROFINANCE institutions (MFIs), which operate at a further smaller level than non-banking financing companies, have been the most-severely affected as the renewed Covid-19 wave engulfed the rural areas to boot. With localised lockdown casting shadow over microfinance collections, repayment delays of over 30 days is expected to rise to 14-16 per cent of the total portfolio in June, higher than 11.7 per cent seen in March 2017, a few months after demonetisation, rating agency Crisil said in a statement on Friday.

"Ground-level infrastructural and operational challenges, as well as restrictions on movement of people, have impinged on the MFI sector's collection efficiency. Though overall collection efficiency is expected at 75-80 per cent in May, compared to 90-95 per cent in March, pressure on asset quality would be higher as borrowers do not have a blanket moratorium this time, while their cash flows have been impacted by the second wave," said Krishnan Sitaraman, senior director and deputy chief ratings officer, Crisil Ratings.

According to P Satish, executive director, Sa-Dhan, an industry body comprising 225 microfinance institutions across India, the rural portfolio was impacted to a lesser extent than the urban portfolio during the first wave, and thus saw a faster recovery as disbursements also recovered especially in the second half of FY22. "But this year, recovery is likely to take longer. Lenders are also facing liquidity constraints," he added.

Unlike the last fiscal, when loan moratorium helped keep delinquency increases at bay, more MFIs are likely to opt for permitting restructuring under the Reserve Bank of India's Resolution Framework 2.0 announced last month, with over 30-day delinquencies mounting. "This is perhaps the only practical option to support borrowers and not let accounts slip into the non-performing bucket. Demand under restructuring is expected to be in high-single digits compared to 1-2 per cent seen during restructuring 1.0 for the overall sector," added Sitaraman. Considering the likely rise in delinquencies and restructuring, he said, higher provisioning is also warranted to absorb the shocks.

EXPRESS READ

DLF posts net profit of ₹477.37 cr in Q4

New Delhi: DLF Ltd, India's largest real estate developer, on Friday said it has posted a net profit of ₹477.37 crore for the quarter-ended March 2021 It had reported a net loss of ₹1,860 crore same period a year ago, after a one-time, exceptional tax provision of ₹272 crore and a deferred tax asset reversal of ₹1,916 crore, on adoption of lower tax rate.

IREDA invites bids for module manufacturing

Chennai: The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has invited bids from interested solar module manufacturers for the development of manufacturing units under the Centre's ₹4,500-crore production linked incentive. The last date for submission of applications is June 30.

Large haircuts under insolvency law is not uncommon: IBBI chief

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

AMIDST the growing outcry over the recent takeover of Videocon group of companies by Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Ltd for a paltry sum of ₹3,000 against the creditor's claim of ₹46,000 crore, the chairman of the insolvency regulator has said that such large haircuts under the insolvency law is not unusual in any other jurisdictions.

"The amount that is shown as due to creditors is nothing but an 'imaginary' amount," said Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) chairman MS Sahoo.

Two things are on the ground – one, is the available assets in the books of the corporate debtor, and the amount due in the books of creditors. Often most of the amount due under IBC has already been written off by the lenders," he added.

Talking about the 39 per cent recovery rate under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), he said the creditors in such cases are getting 180 per cent of the liquidation value. "If the company had gone into liquidation, the creditors would have gotten at best the liquidation value. But if in case of a resolution, not only creditors are getting 180 per cent of the liquidation value but the company is also surviving," he argued, citing examples of two cases -- where the creditors' claimed amount was ₹9,000 crore each but those companies existed only on paper. "There was not even a paisa left in those companies," Sahoo noted.

On the issue of fixed deposit holders of housing finance company DHFL getting a short shrift as per the successful resolution plan of Piramal Group, where the fixed deposit holders are getting only 20-25 per cent of their dues, Sahoo said that the rule of the game (under IBC) is that one will have to go by the majority decision because there has to be a solution. "You have to let go of the rights that existed before the case came under IBC. The main objective of the IBC is to save the company," reiterated the IBBI chairman.

In the DHFL case, 74,500 fixed depositors with claims of ₹5,400 crore had six per cent vote share in the committee of creditors, and they were the only ones who had opposed the Piramal bid. Sahoo also clarified on the issue of misuse of the one-time-settlement provision under IBC, saying that any offer for settlement from the promoters has not been entertained. The law allows only the insolvency applicant to withdraw a case.

EVs to get cheaper with bumped up incentives

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TO fasten the implementation of electric mobility, the Department of Heavy Industries has increased the incentive for two-wheelers from ₹10,000/KWh to ₹15000/KWh.

Also, the cap on incentives for Electric two-wheelers will now be 40 per cent of the cost of vehicles. Earlier, the cap on incentives for buses was 40 per cent of the cost of vehicles and for all other categories it was 20 per cent. These amendments

in the second phase of Fame (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles) come at a time when the scheme, launched in April 2019, was much criticized for not providing adequate support to India's nascent EV industry. According to reports, only five per cent or around ₹500 crore of the allocated ₹10,000 crore has been spent so far. Sales wise, only 58,613 electric two-wheelers have been sold so far as against the target of selling 10 lakh units by March 2022. About 15, 829 electric three-wheelers (3W) have been sold under the scheme against a target of 5-lakh.

According to EV maker Ather Energy, the modification can bring down total cost of ownership. "There will be "a whopping ₹14,500 additional subsidy on the Ather450X model," co-founder Tarun Mehta tweeted. According to the Ministry of Heavy Industries, the aggregation will be the key method for bringing the upfront cost of 3W EV at an affordable level and at par with ICE 3W. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) will aggregate demand for three lakh electric 3W for multiple user segments.

Shakib apologises after kicking & throwing stumps in DPL game

Bangladesh cricketer Shakib Al Hasan had a shocking on-field meltdown during a Dhaka Premier league match here on Friday, kicking stumps and arguing with umpires in a display of appalling behaviour for which he later apologised calling it "human error". Shakib's anger got the better of him during his team Mohammedan Sporting's game against Abahani Limited.

Tsitsipas finds right Zverve

With 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3 win, World No 5 becomes first Greek to enter men's Slam final

AFP @Paris

STEFANOS Tsitsipas became the first Greek player to reach a Grand Slam final on Friday when he defeated Germany's Alexander Zverev in a bruising five-setter at the French Open.

Fifth-seeded Tsitsipas won 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3 and will face either 13-time champion Rafael Nadal or world number one Novak Djokovic in the championship match. However, the 22-year-old will have his work cut out on Sunday — he is 2-7 against Nadal and 2-5 playing Djokovic. "All I can think of is my roots, a small place outside Athens where I dreamed to play on the big stage at the French Open," said a tearful Tsitsipas on making his first final at the majors, secured on a fifth match point.

"It was nerve-wracking, so intense, I stayed alive. I went out there and fought. This win means a lot, it's the most important one of my career so far." Tsitsipas took a 5-2 career lead over Zverev into the semi-final and he was the first to pounce with the only break of the opening set in the second game. The rock-solid Greek didn't give up a single break point although in an indication of the fine margins, Tsitsipas only hit one winner.

Stefanos Tsitsipas celebrates after beating Alexander Zverev on Friday | AP

Seeking hay at clay

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Barbora Krejcikova, two of the most unlikely Grand Slam finalists of the modern era, meet in Saturday's French Open title match.

LATE BLOOMERS

World No 32 Pavlyuchenkova has reached this stage for the first time at the 52nd attempt, 10 years after making a first Slam quarterfinal in Paris. Krejcikova, ranked one place lower, has long been labelled a doubles specialist and this is just her fifth appearance in a main draw singles at the Slams, having never previously got beyond the last 16.

RUSSIAN GRIT

Always considered to possess the weapons to win a major — she has 37 career wins over top 10 players — Pavlyuchenkova was often written off as "too nice" to succeed when it mattered most. But she has put up a gritty attitude this time, something that has helped her reach the biggest match of her career so far.

SEEKING DOUBLE

Krejcikova will try to become the first woman to sweep Roland Garros titles since Mary Pierce in 2000. She also advanced to the women's doubles final along with fellow Czech Katerina Siniakova. The two-time Major winners posted a 6-1, 6-2 win over Magda Linette of Poland and Bernarda Pera of the United States.

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS NETWORK @ 6:30 PM

Neeraj ready for more tests

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

NEERAJ Chopra's chaotic start seemed inevitable. Especially after the things he has had to endure in the last few months. Just when he started to yearn for international events (his last international event before Thursday came in January 2020), hurdles were strewn in his path. Impediments followed, rejection and dejection became friends. Even when he finally flew to Europe, he had to redirect his destination from Paris to Lisbon for logistical reasons.

So when there was something wrong with the measuring device after he threw the spear to a distance of 80.71m at the Cidade Lisboa athletics meet, it was par for the course. In fact, his best distance of the night — 83.18m — came after he asked the organisers to manually measure it.

Neeraj and his team, including coach Klaus Bartonietz, knew they were not entering a very strong field and the event was not something to talk about. But they needed a beginning. "We knew about who all were competing and my team and the coach told me to not strain too much and need to give my 100 per cent," Neeraj said after the meet. Neeraj will stay in Lisbon until June 19 before moving to much bigger competitions (Karlstad Grand Prix, a World Athletics Tour bronze meet) on June 22. Next on his radar is the Kuortane Games in Finland on June 26, another bronze level meet. After that, he is targeting Spitzen Leichtathletik at Luzern on June 29. This is a WA World Tour silver meet. He will then start training in Upsala, Sweden.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Conway misses 2nd ton

BIRMINGHAM: England's Stuart Broad eventually dismissed Devon Conway in the second Test on Friday to deny the New Zealand opener another three-figure score following his debut ton. New Zealand were 137-2 in reply to England's first innings 303.

Lahiri tied-31 after Rd 1

RIDGELAND (US): India golfer Anirban Lahiri carded a 2-under 69 to be placed tied-31 after the opening round of the Palmetto Championship here. In the same field at Palmetto, Arjun Atwal shot 1-over 72 and was 75th.

Wrestling: Men to train in Russia

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

FOUR Olympic-bound Indian wrestlers, currently in Warsaw for the Poland Open, may part ways after the ongoing ranking series. The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) is trying to send men wrestlers (Ravi Dahiya, 57kg and Deepak Punia, 86kg) to Russia. The women wrestlers will continue to camp in the country till June 20. They may head for Hungary and then Estonia if the federation manages to has its way.

"We are trying to procure visas for Russia for our male grapplers. They will head directly to the country if we manage to get visas, otherwise they will return to India after the Poland Open," a WFI source said.

Incidentally, ace wrestler Bajrang Punia decided to skip the event and train in Russia. Ravi and Deepak may join the 65kg wrestler there. Anshu Malik (57kg) and Vinesh Phogat (53kg), however, will continue to train in Poland before departing for Hungary. "After Poland, the women wrestlers may train in Hungary and then in Estonia," added the source.

Covid scare for Anshu

Anshu was forced to withdraw from the Poland Open on Friday as she had a fever. She reported for weigh-in in the morning but was advised to withdraw because of high temperature. "She was feeling feverish for the past two days. She wanted to compete but was advised against it," said father Dharamvir Malik.

Meanwhile, Vinesh won the 53kg gold beating Ukraine's Khrystyna Bereza 8-0 in the final. She defeated 2019 Worlds bronze medallist Ekaterina Poleshchuk of Russia 6-2 before pinning down USA's Amy Ann Fearnside 6-0.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Messi, Aguero in Argentina's Copa squad

ASSOCIATED PRESS @ Buenos Aires

LIONEL Messi, Sergio Agüero and Ángel Di María are headlining the Argentina squad that will travel to Brazil for the Copa America, seeking their national team's first major title since 1993.

The list was published on Thursday by South American soccer's governing body, CONMEBOL Defender Juan Foyth and striker Lucas Ocampos are the most notable absentees from the 28-player squad, despite featuring regularly since Lionel Scaloni became head coach in 2018.

Foyth was involved late when Argentina conceded a last-minute equalizer to Colombia in a World Cup qualifying match earlier this week. The Villareal defender, a winner of the latest Europa League, lost possession at the edge of the penalty box. Colombia subsequently crossed and then found the back of the net with a header by Miguel Borja.

Sevilla's Ocampos had a lackluster performance in the 1-1 draw against Chile last week, also in a World Cup qualifier.

EURO 2020

FAVOURITES & OUTSIDERS

Last edition's surprise semifinalists, Wales, and one of this year's contenders, Belgium, begin their respective campaigns on Saturday. Here's a look at all three matches...

GROUP A: WALES VS SWITZERLAND (OLYMPIC STADIUM IN BAKU) | 6:30 PM

The Dragons enjoyed their finest campaign last time around, reaching the semifinals. But times have changed with top stars not at their peak anymore. Wales qualified for the meet by the skin of their teeth after what was a sub-par campaign and the absence of Ryan Giggs on the touchline might be a blow. Interim boss Rob Page will have his task cut out to qualify from a difficult group. Switzerland don't have the best of records in this tournament, having been eliminated at the group stage three times before a last-16 exit last time around.

GROUP B: DENMARK VS FINLAND (PARKEN STADIUM IN COPENHAGEN) | 9:30 PM

The Danes won the competition famously back in 1992 but last time around, failed to even qualify. They will look to secure second spot in a group featuring Belgium and a victorious start will be key. Kasper Hjulmand's side have lost just one of their last 12 ties in all competitions. Finland are all set to make their debut in this competition and Markku Kanerva's side will not just be there to make up the numbers. Their preparation has been far from ideal, as they lost their two pre-tournament friendlies against Sweden and Estonia.

KEY PLAYERS: CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN (DENMARK); TEEMU PUKKI (FINLAND)

GROUP B: BELGIUM VS RUSSIA (GAZPROM ARENA IN ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA) | 12:30 AM

A flawless qualification campaign saw Belgium qualify with 30 points from a possible 30 and the World's No 1 team will be looking to exorcise the ghosts of 2016 and finally justify their top billing at a major competition. The Red Devils enter the Euros on the back of a nine-game unbeaten run. Russia also had a strong qualification campaign with their only two defeats coming at the hands of their upcoming opponents. Russia do not have the best of record against Belgium but they will be hoping for a strong start.

KEY PLAYERS: ROMELU LUKAKU (BELGIUM); ARTEM DZYUBA (RUSSIA)

LIVE ON SONY PICTURES NETWORK

Sports ministry's project to deal with injuries

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

THE sports ministry took another important step towards realising the country's sporting potential by launching a first-of-its-kind injury management system in India. Dubbed CAIMS, the Centralised Athlete Injury Management System, the project is much needed as it charts a better path for athletes during their rehabilitation process while recovering from injuries. It also aims to prevent injuries from happening, a system that's already in place in some of the leading sporting nations across the world. It will first be rolled out to athletes who are part of the developmental group for the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

This programme, Kiren Rijiju hoped, would fast-track India's ascent in the world of sports science. "We want to be a sporting powerhouse," he said. "And to have a world-class injury management is an integral part of that. We need an excellent and professional injury management of the athletes.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_INDENT10915/Call-3 Date: 10.06.2021
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through e-Procurement portal only)
Name of work: **"Pressure Testing, Refilling and painting of 45 Nos. CO2 Cylinders of Unit-1&2 Generator Fire Protection System and spare cylinders".** Last date and time for submission of completed bids: **19.06.2021 up to 17.00 hrs.** Date of opening of Cover-1: **21.06.2021 at 13.15 hrs.** Date of opening of Cover-2 (Price bids) of qualified bidders: **22.06.2021 at 13.30 hrs.** or at a date which will be intimated later. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (O&M), GDPH, KPCL, Hidkal Dam-591107 during working hours. Telefax No. 08333-263246, e-mail: **eeegdphkpcl@gmail.com** Website: **www.karnatakapower.com** GoK Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-Procurement)
Item-wise tender is invited through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from Class-IV & above Contractors registered in KPCL, who have adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments for the work of **Providing racks for store rooms at Administrative Building and construction of shed for storage of integrated filtration unit/Hydraulic oil at dam top of ADPH.** Approximate e-value of tender: **Rs. 4,96,500/-.** EMD : **Exempted as per GoK order.** Contract period: **Four months including monsoon period.** Last date and time for submission of completed bids: **26.06.2021 up to 3.00 p.m.** Time and date of opening of Cover-I: **28.06.2021 at 10.00 a.m.** Time and date of opening of Cover-II: **28.06.2021 at 10.30 a.m. (if possible).** Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (Civil), KPCL, Almatti Dam Power House, Post: Sitimani, Dist.: Bagalkot, Mobile No.: 9449848138

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, R. R. Nagara Zone, Bengaluru-560 098.
No.BBMP/EE/Proj/TEN/21/2/2020-21 Date: 11-06-2021
TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-2)
(Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)
Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, (Project Division) RR Nagara Zone for the Services mentioned below under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 through electronic two cover tendering system (e-Procurement) in prescribed format from registered agencies with I.T., E.S.I., P.F. Labour Department and other statutory authority of Govt. of Karnataka Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	EMD in Rs.
1.	(Supply of Data Entry Operator Service) for 11 Months for the year 2021-22, R.R. Nagara Zone.	1,53,000/-

In the event of the Specified Date of Tender Opening being declared a Holiday for the Employer, the Tenders will opened at the Appointed Time and Location on the Next working day.
Calendar of Events: (1) Downloading the Tender Document from: **17-06-2021 up to 4:00 p.m. (2)** Last Date & Time for Tender Queries: **18-06-2021 up to 4:00 p.m. (3)** Pre-bid meeting at the Office of the Chief Engineer's Office, R.R. Nagara Zone. **19-06-2021 at 4:00 p.m. (4)** Last Date for Submission of Tender document: **25-06-2021 up to 4:00 p.m. (5)** Opening of Technical Bid: **26-06-2021 at 4:00 p.m. (6)** Opening of Financial Bid: Will be intimated to the Technically Qualified Bidders. Further particulars can be obtained from the above Office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
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No.: KBJNL/NRBC/D-5 /PB/ 2021-22/ 193 Date :-09-06-2021
CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION OF SHORT TERM TENDER
Ref: 1) This office Short term tender notification No-177 Dated 04-06-2021
Due to unavoidable technical reasons, the short term tender invited by this office Vide ref (1) above in respect of Closure period and Special repairs works for the year 2021-22 have been Cancelled.
This notification is issued for the reference of all the Eligible bidders.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIP/Raichur/108/MC&A/2021-22 **KBJNL, NRBC, Division No-5, Rodalabanda.**

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Office of the Executive Engineer, M.I.& G.M.D. Division, Kalaburagi.
Phone: 08472-220196
IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-2/2021-22/1728 Dated :09-06-2021
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1) Detail of work : THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR 4702 MOT (FLOOD DAMAGE) WORK FOR THE YEAR 2020-21), 2) Amount of Estimate : Rs.178,03,696.02, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-1, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount : Tender Fee & E.M.D. As per e-portal, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications : 17-06-2021 Upto 11.00 Hours, 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 18-06-2021 Up to 16.00 Hours, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 19-06-2021 Up to 17.00 Hours, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 21-06-2021 Up to 17.00 Hours, 9) A d d l . information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal.: **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**
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1.	Improvements to drains, culverts CC Road and other works in Kempaiah Block in Ward No.62, Ramaswamy Palya.	99.00

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Will block cell phones of jab hesitant, says Pakistan state

VACCINE

LAHORE: A Pakistan province said on Friday it will block the mobile phones of people refusing to get Covid-19 jabs, in the latest move to penalise the unvaccinated in a country where only a fraction of the population have been inoculated.

It comes after Sindh province said civil servants who refuse to be vaccinated will not be paid from July. A third wave of infections has begun to stabilise in Pakistan after weeks of tough restrictions, and in Punjab — the country's most populous province which includes the megacity of Lahore — demand for jabs has slowed.

"At first this was only a proposal, but people have been very hesitant in getting vaccinated so the decision was made," said Hammad Raza, spokesman for the Punjab Primary Health department. He said the state telecoms agency will decide how to implement the measure. Pakistan's nationwide vaccination rollout has ramped up in recent weeks with almost 10.5 million doses being administered, with China supplying most of the vaccines. But concerns about the side effects of the jab, coupled with misinformation that it causes infertility or death within two years, have sparked vaccine hesitancy.

"Pakistan's education level is low. People are also spreading rumours and misinformation about the vaccines," Salman Haseeb, the head of Pakistan's Young Doctor's Association, told AFP. "So information campaigns by the government won't work for the short-term. They will have to make use of the law to ensure everyone gets vaccinated."

40 M Length of the Giant Piston Corer (GPC)

160 Minutes taken by GPC to reach bed

37.74 Length of sediment core collected

8 KM The depth the GPC drilled

WHAT'S A GPC
It's a tubular structure that drills a hole on the ocean floor and traps sediments in its hollow interior

TEAM: The European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling (ECORD), Science Operator (ESO), and the Institute for Marine-Earth Exploration and Engineering within the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

EXFILE • SCIENCE

UNRAVELING SECRETS OF THE PACIFIC RIM

With China building its own space station, the rush for superiority outside the stratosphere has just peaked. Even as we push newer frontiers, the humbling fact that we have barely scraped the surface of earth's mystery stares at us. Let's dig deep

DRILLING THE OCEAN FLOOR

Forty-three years ago, the legendary Drilling Vessel Glomar Challenger set the record for the deepest coring site. It recovered two 15.5- and 20.5-metre-long cores from 7,034 and 7,029 metre depth in the Mariana Trench. These records were broken on May 14, 2021. A look

This was the epicenter of Tohoku-Oki earthquakes of 2011 that triggered furious tsunamis, which led to the Fukushima disaster. They aim to use the deep-sea sediment cores to understand the history of earthquakes in Japan and the Western Pacific . The Japan Trench is an oceanic trench part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, a horseshoe-shaped belt around the rim of the Pacific Ocean that's rife with volcanic activity and earthquakes

WHY Scientists believe the sediments are an archive of earth's history

The Mariana Trench's microscopic inhabitants might even shed light on the emergence of life on earth. Some researchers, have speculated that serpentine mud volcanoes located near ocean trenches might have provided the right conditions for our planet's first life-forms. Additionally, studying rocks from ocean trenches could lead to a better understanding of the earthquakes that create the powerful and devastating tsunamis seen around the Pacific Rim

DEEP SCIENCE

Because of their extreme depth, trenches like Mariana and Japan are cloaked in perpetual darkness and the temperature is just a few degrees above freezing

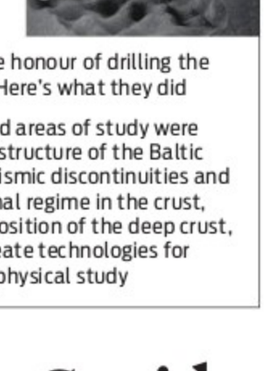
The water pressure at the bottom of the trench is a crushing eight tons per square inch—or about a thousand times the standard atmospheric pressure at sea level

The first and only time humans descended into the Challenger Deep (Mariana Trench) was more than 50 years ago. In 1960, Jacques Piccard and Navy Lt. Don Walsh reached this goal in a U.S. Navy submersible, a bathyscaphe called the Trieste

Until Piccard and Walsh's historic dive, scientists had debated whether life could exist under such extreme pressure. But at the bottom, the Trieste's floodlight illuminated a creature that Piccard thought was a flatfish

Scientists still know very little about the types of organisms that reside in the deep

FACTOID: It is believed that the pressure is so great at such depths that calcium cannot exist except in solution, so the bones of vertebrates would dissolve. No bones, no fish.



While Kaimei has created an oceanic record, the honour of drilling the deepest hole on earth goes to the Russians. Here's what they did

WHERE	WHY	
Kola Superdeep Borehole in the Kola peninsula of the erstwhile Soviet Union's border with Norway	The project attempted to drill as deep as possible into the earth's crust	The stated areas of study were the deep structure of the Baltic Shield, seismic discontinuities and the thermal regime in the crust, the composition of the deep crust, and to create technologies for deep geophysical study

Five million trees were due to be planted across Ghana on Friday as part of a government-led Green Ghana drive to save depleting forest. Ghana's current cover stands at 1.6 million hectares, down from 8.2 million in 1900

Virus can survive on surfaces, but infection risk low

Samples collected off beds and floors show traces, but no frontline staff infected till now

COVID

CALIFORNIA: While the coronavirus may be able to survive on beds, floors, and other surfaces near COVID patients, it's unlikely to be passed to another person, a new study finds.

Researchers at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine swabbed surfaces in COVID patients' rooms before, during, and after they were occupied, finding SARS-CoV-2 - the virus that caused COVID-19 - in about 13% of samples.

None of the healthcare workers caring for patients in the study tested positive, despite frequently touching those surfaces, suggesting surface transmission is rare and that personal protective equipment (PPE) works. Result also showed a new link between the coronavirus and a type of microbe that might be linked with cardiovascular disease and severe COVID-19.

At the beginning of the pandemic, public health experts warned Americans to be wary of surface transmission, which is when the virus is spread through particles that linger on doorknobs, desks, and other common items. 'Wash your hands' became a common mantra. Hand sanitizers sold out. The New York City subway closed for overnight cleanings. Now, however, experts have learned know that surface transmission is a rare phenomenon for the coronavirus.

Instead, the virus usually spreads through the air - either through larger particles released when an infected person sneezes or coughs, or through smaller particles that can travel longer distances.

The new study adds to the evidence that surface transmission is rare and provides novel insight into how the coronavirus shares space with bacteria. For the study, published Tuesday in the journal Microbiome, researchers examined what the coronavirus does on surfaces by swabbing patients' hospital rooms. The team collected almost one thousand samples from 16 patients with confirmed COVID cases, 10 healthcare workers caring for those patients, and hundreds of locations inside and outside the patients' hospital rooms.

Those 16 patients stayed in the hospital for up to three weeks and researchers collected samples before, during, and after their hospital stays.

Out of those surfaces they sampled, the researchers found that 13% of the sites had enough coronavirus present to be picked up by a PCR test, considered the gold standard of tests.

Samples taken from the floor next to patients' beds and directly outside their rooms were most likely to contain coronavirus - with prevalence rates of 39% and 29%, respectively. For surfaces inside the patients' rooms (excluding floors), the prevalence rate was 16%.

National Geographic nerds recognise 5th ocean

RESEARCH

WASHINGTON: Cartographers at the National Geographic have finally recognised Antarctica's Southern Ocean on their maps, bringing their count of Earth's oceans to five.

The society — which has been releasing maps of the world since 1915 — publicly announced their new policy yesterday, to coincide with World Ocean Day.

National Geographic have defined the ocean as being bound by the current that flows around Antarctica — with a northernmost reach up to the 60th parallel south. The Southern Ocean joins the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian and Pacific on their charts, although the Antarctica-encircling body's status remains contested. National Geographic Society geographer Alex Tait said: "As there was never a global agreement, we never recognized it. It's sort of geographic nerdiness."

SOAR AND DIP

A boy flying a kite as another jumps into the Hooghly river on a hot summer day in Nadia district of West Bengal on Friday | PTI

Windfall from Covid lockdown: Emissions down 15% globally

CLIMATE

CALIFORNIA: Much of the world was forced into lockdown in 2020 to help stop the spread of Covid-19 and although its main objective was to combat the virus, such efforts led to a 'rapid' reduction in air pollution emissions.

A newly published study from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) shows harmful emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) decreased globally by 15% by June 2020.

Some cities in China saw a 50% decline 'within a few weeks' of their February 2020 lockdown, while some US states saw a 25% later in the spring.

'Global ozone levels had dropped to a level that policymakers thought would take at least 15 years to reach by conventional means, such as regulations,' NASA shared in a statement. JPL scientist Kazuyuki Miyazaki, who led the research, said in a statement: "I was very happy that our analysis system was able to capture the detailed changes in emissions across the world. The challenging and unprecedented nature of this work is a testament to improvements in satellite monitoring in service of societal needs."

The team used satellite data from five NASA and European Space Agency (ESA) orbiting devices, models of atmospheric chemical reactions and weather and past climate models to determine if lockdown efforts had any impact on the ozone by comparing data to 2019.

Combining these tools, scientists reported global emissions dropped by 12% in February, 14 in March and 15% in April, with June recording a 13% reduction. 'In February, the reduction in emissions from China made the largest contribution (36%) to the global NOx anomaly, whereas the contributions from other regions are larger from March to June, when China relaxed its restrictions,' scientists wrote in the study published in Science Advances. Chinese NOx emissions rapidly declined from late January through late February, which is associated with the nation's first lockdown.

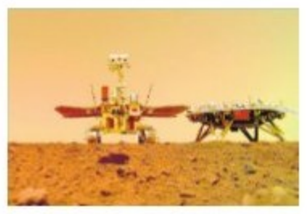
FACT OF THE MATTER

Outage after bear power trip

NATURE

A bear in Arizona emerged unscathed from quite the power trip when it became stuck on a utility pole. Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, a utility company based in the southern Arizona city of Willcox, was notified on Monday morning that a bear was tangled in power pole wires on the outskirts of town. Werner Neubauer, a company lineman, said they immediately disabled the power so the animal would not get electrocuted. Neubauer then went up in a bucket lift and used an 8-foot (2-meter) fiberglass stick to try to nudge the bear to go down. After grabbing and biting the stick at times, the bear eventually climbed down and ran off into the desert. The power outageonly lasted about 15 minutes, the company said.

Fresh pics from Mars in



SPACE

The dusty, rocky Martian surface and a Chinese rover and lander bearing small national flags were seen in photos released on Friday that the rover took on the red planet. The four pictures released by China National Space Administration also show the upper stage of the Zhurong rover and the view from the rover before it rolled off its platform. Zhurong placed a remote camera about 10 meters (33 feet) from the landing platform, then withdrew to take a group portrait, the CNSA said. China landed the Tianwen-1 spacecraft carrying the rover on Mars last month after it spent about three months orbiting the red planet. China is the second country to operate a spacecraft on Mars.

CRYPTO NATION

Secret US donor, willing Prez make El Salvador Bitcoin haven

TECH

EL SALVADOR: After El Salvador's congress made the bitcoin legal tender this week, eyes turned to this rural fishing village on the Pacific coast. Known to surfers for its pounding waves, El Zonte has had the cryptocurrency in its economy for the past year.

Some 500 fishing and farming families use bitcoin to buy groceries and pay utilities, something the government envisions for the country at large. Bitcoin already was legal to use in El Salvador but its acceptance was voluntary, so the legislation passed late Tuesday now requires all businesses — except those without the technology — to accept payment in bitcoin. El Zonte's mini bitcoin economy 43 km from the capital came about through an anonymous donor who started working through a local nonprofit group in 2019. Supporters of the financial change point to it as a demonstration case for how digital currency could help in a country where 70% of the people don't have bank accounts.

President Nayib Bukele, who pushed through the bitcoin law, touts it both as a way to help those many Salvadorans without access to traditional banking services and as a path to attract foreigners with bitcoin holdings to invest in El Salvador, which is the first nation to make the cryptocurrency legal tender.

In El Zonte this week, construction worker Hilario Gálvez walked into Tienda María to buy a soda and snacks to share with his friends. Instead of reaching for his wallet, he paid through an app on his phone.

The store's namesake, María del Carmen Avilés, said she is now expert in bitcoin transactions. "When a customer comes I ask him if he's going to pay with the application or in cash. The majority pay with the application Bitcoin Beach. I look for it on my cell to charge them." It doesn't take more than two minutes.

Román Martínez was a pioneer in using bitcoin in El Zonte. He said the anonymous U.S. donor heard about community projects through the nonprofit Hope House where he works and began working through another American who lives in El Zonte. Hope House shares a building with Strike, a Chicago-based start-up that has been working with Bukele's government on the nationwide bitcoin launch.

El Salvador has used the U.S. dollar as its official currency since 2001, and Strike said that adopting bitcoin "as legal tender will help reduce its dependence on the decisions of a foreign central bank."

However, David Gerard, author of "Attack of the 50 Foot Blockchain," said El Zonte is an artificial demonstration.

Missing dog's shepherding gig

NATURE

A pet dog who vanished for two days after being ejected from a vehicle during an accident has been found apparently doing the job it was bred to do — herding sheep. Linda Oswald's family and their dog, Tilly, were driving along Idaho State Highway 41 on Sunday when they crashed into another car, launching the dog through the rear window, The Spokesman-Review reported. The unharmed but stunned dog then ran away, prompting an immediate search with at least six complete strangers who witnessed the crash and pulled over along the highway to help, Oswald said. "People just kept going out," Oswald said, noting that the search lasted about 10 hours on Sunday before the family went home. "We were sore and exhausted." Oswald said the family then wrote a Facebook post that included a picture of the 2-year-old border collie and red heeler mix and more than 3,000 people shared the post. That's when Tyler, Travis and Zane Potter recognized the dog in the photo as the same dog they saw on their family farm south of Rathdrum on Tuesday. Both the Potters and Oswald think Tilly was drawn to the farm and their sheep.

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DAY'S DIARY

Anne Frank's diary

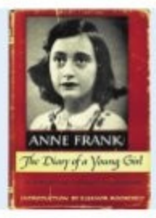
On June 12, 1942, Anne Frank received a red-and-white plaid diary for her 13th birthday. She chronicled her family's two years in hiding

THE BOOK

The book — *The Diary of Anne Frank* or *The Diary of a Young Girl* — was first published on June 25, 1947 — two years after Anne's death in a concentration camp

DEAR KITTY

For two years, Anne wrote faithfully in the diary, addressing many of the entries to "Dear Kitty." In the journal and later notebooks, Anne recounted the day-to-day life within the annex



INSTANT HIT

Only her father Otto Frank survived the war. He found someone to publish her writings and it was an immediate bestseller in Netherlands, before being published in the US

Love Mocktail won many hearts: Krishna

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This new podcast begins where most love stories end - focusing on life after marriage and how people and relationships evolve

AFTER THE WEDDING

SIMRAN AHUJA

WHO doesn't like a good love story? But while most tales end at the wedding of a happy couple, a new podcast shows us that the happily-ever-after is actually the starting point of a new story.

Launched by city-based relationship coach Priyanka Bharadwaj, Behind The Scenes attempts to document the lives of couples who are happy in their marriage and unravel the making of healthy relationships.

"Growing up, we've listened to countless stories that end with meeting our soulmate, getting married and living happily ever after. But very little has been said about life after marriage. Naturally, people who've never been married have a limited understanding of what to expect when they get hitched - they're either overly optimistic or thoroughly cynical. So, sometimes people can be grossly unprepared for the realities of a relationship," says Bharadwaj, who is also the founder of M.B.A. (Marriage Broker Auntie).

Launched two months ago, the weekly podcast completed its seven-episode first season. Each episode featured a different married couple who talked about their relationship and marriage and how it evolved over the years and what remained unchanged.

"Since a lot of my work revolves around enabling people to make informed partner choices, I wanted to be able to create authentic literature on real marriages. So I partnered with a few friends and family who came forward with their stories for this series. As I started having these conversations, I also realized how valuable this series could be even for married couples," says Bharadwaj.

Through the process of hosting this series and interacting with different couples, Bharadwaj has learned that every individual is unique, which, in turn, makes every couple unique as well. "Despite knowing someone for years before you get married, you always learn something new about your partner, and a big part of relationships is about accepting and adapting to these changes, especially when you know that you want to be with each other," she says.

Another common factor was intentionality about making relationships work. "Life gets in the way over a period of time. Irrespective of how long you've been together, rituals like daily hugs, making time to have a cup of tea/coffee together or weekly date nights help in nurturing a relationship," she adds.

Currently, Bharadwaj is in the process of identifying couples to feature in Season 2, tentatively slated to premiere in August. "In the new season, I hope to bring in more diversity in terms of the people I interview - how they met, where they live, what life-stage they are in, etc."

If you have a story to share for the podcast, reach out to hello@marriagebrokerauntie.com

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Monika Manchanda, a city-based food writer and consultant, co-founder and chief culinary officer at LiveAltLife, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are.

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Monday.

The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher (worth ₹1,500) on delivery from Bangalore Pizza Company **

1. A whole street dedicated to food, will you believe if I tell you it exists? What is the name of this street?
2. If you thought meatballs were only for spaghetti, think again. This local version of them in a spicy broth is absolutely brilliant. What is it called and what is eaten with?
3. A priest living on outskirts of Bengaluru got fascinated with cheese and set up a small factory in a church, which gave us the best Buratta! What is the name of the company?

**Conditions apply

For more food-related stories and recipes, turn to page 3.

CITY READ

Honeywell sets up ICU at Bowring Hospital

Honeywell has established a critical care centre at Bowring Hospital to treat Covid-19 patients in the city. The company has also donated essential medical supplies including oxygen concentrators, N95 respirators and personal protective equipment (PPE) for hospitals in Karnataka. The 10-bed ICU at Bowring Hospital in Shivajinagar is equipped with Class I ventilators, Fowler beds, BiPAP machines, multipara monitors with and without capnometers, a portable X-ray machine, an ECG machine, an infusion pump, and a laryngoscope set.

A rainbow of colours

Beigeification is passe, many people are experimenting with bold colours and even geometric shapes which were once popular

HYMAVATHI M

FOR a long time, interior decor was stuck with 'beigeification' -- minimalism meeting contemporary design resulted in a standard colour palette comprising beige, grey and cream. But in recent times, people have started experimenting with colour again, and occasionally patterns from the 70s are complementing these colours.

Glamour and maximalism are making their way into interior colour palettes; Instagram and Pinterest design and mood boards are influencing people's choices of colours and design, prompting them to opt for vibrant and dramatic hues.

The colours of a house are reflective of its residents and how they utilise the space. Roja Korla, an interior designer and founder of Akruti Design Studio, says light colours like beige and cream make rooms appear spacious. "I always advise my clients to opt for a monochromatic colour and contrast it with dark furniture," she says.

G Daniel, an architect and interior designer, noticed that while people, in general, go with similar colour patterns, many are now experimenting with a multi-coloured space which has become a trend as it accommodates various decor items of different colours. "In a multi-coloured space, the living room and dining area are considered public and semi-public spaces. For these areas, people tend to opt for bold and dramatic colours like red, yellow, orange, and navy blue. After a long day in an office which mostly uses pristine white, people prefer to come home to a vibrant living room that screams ##positivevibes," he says.

On the other hand, the private spaces of the house i.e., the bedrooms and the study rooms are designed using the earlier minimalist-contemporary palette. Daniel notes that in this palette, natural wood, concrete and white are the most used colours, concrete being the most popular one.

People who do not want to experiment with colours and have an 'anything works' attitude usually go for a light blue or a light green, which are soothing to the eye. The colour choice for a home varies depending on the overall design. While some prefer small and no-clutter kitchens, others want spacious cooking spaces. These factors also influence one's choice of colour.

Apart from the comeback of vibrant colours in home decor, interior designers like Daniel are also letting traditional art guide their colour choices. According to him, people love having Nakashi art and Cheriyal scroll paintings on their wall. "To complement these, a splash of red or navy blue is used in an adequate amount in a multi-colour space. Geometric shapes are also making a comeback in interior design, which were once very popular in Indian architecture."

Looks like multi-coloured spaces are here to stay, as they accommodate more purposes and moods.

Interior designers G Daniel and Roja Korla say social media are influencing the choice of colours for homes

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> G Daniel, architect and interior designer

WATCH LIST

LUPIN SEASON 2

Steaming: on Netflix

The wait is over. Most wanted thief Assane Diop is back on screen. The last episode of the first season left fans hanging, wondering whether it was the end for the thief. Assane finds himself in a difficult situation as he gets traced by Officer Guedira because there were similarities between his crimes and those of fictional thief Arsène Lupin.

Cast: Omar Sy, Mamadou Haidara, Ludivine Sagnier

SKATER GIRL

Steaming: on Netflix

When a teen in rural India discovers a life-changing passion for skateboarding, she faces a rough road as she follows her dream to compete. The movie sheds light on the lack of scope and liberty to encourage a girl in rural India to pursue her dreams. Once she finds that there is light at the end of the tunnel, she gets going.

Cast: Rachel Saanchita Gupta, Amy Maghera, Shafin Patel

LOKI SEASON 1

Steaming: on Disney Hotstar

Loki, the God of Mischief, steps out of his brother's shadow to embark on an adventure that takes place after the events of Avengers: Endgame. Just when he realises that he is set free, he gets arrested by the Time Variance Authority for meddling with the 'sacred timeline'. Watch the series to find out what happens when the Time Variance Authority tries to correct it.

Cast: Tom Hiddleston, Owen Wilson

FLASH SEASON 7

Steaming: on Amazon Prime Video

After being struck by lightning, CSI investigator Barry Allen awakens to discover he has super speed. Teaming up with S.T.A.R. Labs, Barry takes on the persona of The Flash, the Fastest Man Alive, to protect his city. Season 7 sees The Flash trying to find his missing wife while fighting Eva McCulloch

Cast: Grant Gustin, Candice Patton, Danielle Panabaker

VISWANATHAN ANAND, SUDEEP TEAM UP FOR A GAME OF CHESS

CE FEATURES

One of Karnataka's best-loved actors, Sudeep, is all set to wow fans again, by participating in a game of chess against world champion Viswanathan Anand.

The game with India's first chess grandmaster is part of Checkmate Covid - Celebrity edition, an event organised by Chess.com and All India Chess Federation to support people who have been affected by the pandemic.

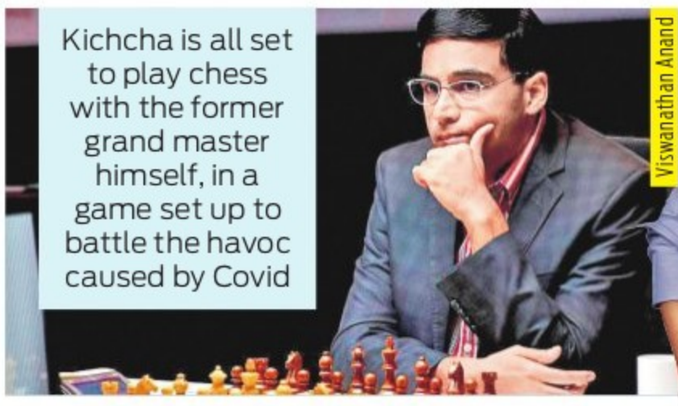
The *Kotigobba 3* and *Vikrant Rona* actor has been doing his bit to assist with Covid relief through his charitable trust, and this is his latest contribution to the effort.

The event, which will be held on June 13 between 5pm and 8pm, will see Anand play simultaneous games with several celebrities including Sudeep.

The multi-lingual actor, who has also tried his hand at film direction and production, TV show host, was so far well-known for his love for cricket. However, sources close to the actor told *CE* that Sudeep is an avid chess player and plays the game often with his wife Priya who is a good at the game.

The event is being organised in association with Akshay Patra Foundation and will be streamed live on Chesscom India YouTube channel. A donation form is posted on the webpage of the event, and at the time of writing, ₹1.3 lakh had been raised.

Organisers say proceeds from the event will be used to help individuals and families at risk of hunger.



Kichcha is all set to play chess with the former grand master himself, in a game set up to battle the havoc caused by Covid

Viswanathan Anand

Sudeep

INVOKING THE GODDESS

Sign up for Nine Nights of the Goddess- online spiritual session conducted by Unalome project. The live session is facilitated by Sneha S who will teach you the ancient way to invoke the innate devotional power that will help attain peace and harmony in your soul and mind. The event is open for people aged 16 years and above **When:** Till June 19 **Details**: 9886551029

STREETWEAR COLLECTION

Adidas has launched a new collection in collaboration with American supermodel Karlie Kloss. The new collection includes track pants and top layers for a streetwear look. The collection comes in a palette of green and black. Check them out on the Adidas website.

THEATRE PLAY

Hidden in Plain Sight is a solo theatre performance by artiste Mallika Prasad that explores several aspects: From a Bollywood cabaret number to the letters of a seventeenth-century Zen monk, from the city as a mythic backdrop to cyberspace as urban wasteland. The story explores relationships, online communication and the fragility of human connection **When:** June 18 **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

GET CREATIVE

Bombay Drawing Room is introducing Lacy Ocean Waves resin art workshop with home delivered kits. The workshop will help participants learn to mix resin and play with other mixed media to create a resin art piece. The workshop also teaches you to add pigments such as acrylics, resin color pigments and more. **When:** June 20 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

CATCH STAND-UP COMIC MUNAWAR FAROOQUI ON HIS NEW RIB-TICKLING SHOW *DONGRI TO NOWHERE* WHEN: JUNE 12 ONWARDS Tickets: BOOKMYSHOW.COM

SOULFUL EVENING

My Tirth India is presenting a devotional evening filled with soulful bhajans performed by music maestro Anup Jalota . The event will be streamed live all across the world. The duration of the event is 60 minutes. **When:** June 19, 8pm **Tickets**: bookmyshow.com

MUSICAL EVENING

Get grooving to the music of rock and metal performed by HIV Live TV. One of the heavy metal bands of India, the group will perform a metal concert to keep you engaged at the comfort of your home. Also get a chance to interact with them after the show on Zoom. **When:** June 13 onwards, 6pm **Tickets** on bookmyshow.com

DESIGNING CLASS

Enroll for an interesting fashion course moderated by fashion designer Nancy Dhamija. The course will cover the fundamentals of building sustainable fashion such as principles, elements, history of fashion, design and colour, textile and construction, to help the learners build their own eco-friendly styles. **When:** June 13 **Details:** insider.in

COMBO SPECIAL

Dindigul Thalappakatti launches Mood Combos containing a wide variety of starters and main course options. Some of the combo options include BBQ celebration, playful Chinese, blissful biryani and roti delight. **Place orders on:** Swiggy/Zomato

Get Grooving
Sign up for dance classes with dancer Nidhi Kumar. The choreography class will train the participants in a fusion of belly dance and freestyle. When: June 13, 5pm Register: insider.in

ONLINE PILATES SESSION

Sign up for an online pilates session conducted by RedMat Pilates studio. The session will train you in fitness goals like inch loss, toning, injury rehabilitation and improving sports performance. **Duration:** 40 minutes **When:** Until June 15 **Register on** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

EGG TIKKA

INGREDIENTS

- **Boiled eggs:** 3 ■ **Curd:** 4 tbsp ■ **Roasted chana atta or besan:** 2 tbsp
- **Garlic paste:** 3/4 tsp ■ A small pinch of crushed **ajwain**
- **Salt** to taste ■ **Red chilli powder:** 1/2 tsp ■ **Turmeric:** 1/4 tsp
- **Jeera powder:** 1/4 tsp ■ Juice of half **lemon** ■ **Mustard oil:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Mix all the ingredients except eggs to make a marinade.
- Slice the eggs and marinade them for 20 minutes.
- Grill the marinated egg tikka in air fryer or convection oven or tandoor.
- Serve with green chutney. **— Puja B, Mumbai**

FIT BIT

PARIVRTTA VAJRASANA

(REVOLVED THUNDERBOLT POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'parivrtta' means revolve, 'vajra' means thunderbolt and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is a beginner level yoga pose that involves twist, stretch. Traditionally, the big toes should be together with heels apart, and buttocks resting between the heels. This variation can be challenging for beginners, in which case the buttocks should rest on the heels. It can help build confidence in yoga practitioners.

STEPS

- First practise Pawanmuktasana series 1 and 2. Then sit at the center of the mat in Vajrasana.
- Make sure that you sit on the knees and on the shins while resting the hips on the heels.
- Place your hands on the thighs and inhale/exhale extending the spine along with the torso.
- Close your eyes take six breaths as you connect.
- Open your eyes. From Vajrasana, inhale and raise the torso and turn towards the left side in a twist.
- Exhale, gaze behind as you take the shoulders, chest and head in a twist.
- Inhale/exhale, and remain in this posture for three breaths.
- Inhale/exhale, release and relax. Inhale, raise the torso and turn towards the right side in a twist.
- Exhale, gaze behind as you take the shoulders, chest and head in a twist.
- Inhale/exhale, and remain in this posture for three breaths.
- Finally, inhale/exhale, release and relax.

BENEFITS

- Twisting opens the base of the spine to encourage easy flow of prana.
- Remaining in the twist allows the body to use the prana or energy efficiently.
- Helps with deep breathing when the chest and the diaphragm muscles are active with the stretch and twist.
- Helps reduce the stiffness around the lower back and the joints.
- The blocked energy at these joints releases reducing the aches and pain.
- Stretches the abdominal muscles stimulating the digestive fire or Agni.

LIMITATIONS

- Those with knee and ankle issues are advised not to practise this pose.
- Those who have back issues are advised to practise gently with care and not over-exert in this pose. Sit on a folded blanket to keep the spine erect, if necessary.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

SPILLED MILK

If you're a food lover, then this one's for you. The podcast from writer-cum-comedians Molly Wizenberg and Matthew Amster-Burton has the pair ruminating on a particular food delicacy laced with humour and anecdotes.
- On Apple Podcasts

AMAZING WILDLIFE

From blobfish to sea otters, this educational series highlights the wonders and diversity of the animal kingdom. It makes it fun for wildlife enthusiasts with interesting trivia. The episodes also feature fun and insightful facts about the world's most fantastic animals.
- On Apple Podcasts

THINK FAST, TALK SMART: COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES

Whether you're giving a toast or presenting in a meeting, communication is critical to success in business and in life. Join Matt Abrahams, a lecturer of Strategic Communication at Stanford Graduate School of Business, as he sits down with experts in the field to discuss real-world challenges.
- On Google Podcasts

EVERYTHING IS ALIVE

Everything is Alive is an unscripted interview show in which all the subjects are inanimate objects. In each episode, a different thing tells us its life story — and everything it says is true.
- On Google Podcasts

GASTROPOD

Every other week co-hosts Cynthia Graber and Nicola Twilley serve up a brand new episode exploring the hidden history and surprising science behind different food- or farming-related topics.
- On Apple Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

JAGUAR

Krishna, an orphan and a first-year MBBS student, dons a vigilante avatar and seemingly kills people randomly. He also tries to woo his friend's sister, Priya.
- Cast: Nikhil Gowda Deepti Sati

SEETHARAMAKALYANA

Arya, a righteous man, falls in love with a small-town woman named Geetha, unaware of the obstacles that lie ahead for both of them.
- Cast: Nikhil Gowda, Rachita Ram

MILANA

Anjali's father forces her to marry Akash. Unable to forget her past, she demands a divorce from Akash, but soon begins to fall for him.
- Cast: Puneet Rajkumar, Parvathy Thiruvothu

HEBBULI

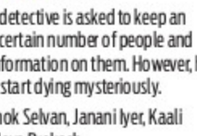
After Ram's brother dies suddenly, he decides to investigate the reason behind his death. However, he must fight against the corrupt system to protect his family and find the truth.
- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Ravichandran

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 A FEMINIST REIMAGINING OF KENYA'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT BY NAOMI MWAURA

Bringing a feminist perspective, activist Naomi Mwaura calls for a revolution in public transportation by making routes transparent, protecting passengers from harassment and paving a career path for women in the industry.



2 HOW TO SUPPORT YOURSELF (AND OTHERS) THROUGH GRIEF BY NINA WESTBROOK

Explaining how to process many types of sorrow, marriage and family therapist Nina Westbrook highlights the importance of grief as a natural emotion and a powerful lens to help you imagine new futures and shares ways to support yourself and others through difficult times.

3 THE FUTURE OF DIAGNOSTIC LAB...INSIDE YOUR BODY BY AARON MORRIS

We need an inside-out approach to how we diagnose disease, says immuno-engineer Aaron Morris. Introducing cutting-edge medical research, he unveils implantable technology that gives real-time, continuous analysis of a patient's health at the molecular level.

4 A NEW WAY TO THINK ABOUT THE TRANSITION TO MOTHERHOOD BY ALEXANDRA SACKS

When a baby is born, so is a mother — but the natural (and sometimes unsteady) process of transition to motherhood is often silenced by shame or misdiagnosed as postpartum depression. In this quick, informative talk, reproductive psychiatrist Alexandra Sacks breaks down the emotional tug-of-war of becoming a new mother.

5 WHAT DO WE DO WHEN ANTIBIOTICS DON'T WORK ANYMORE BY MARYN MCKENNA

Penicillin changed everything. Infections that had previously killed were suddenly quickly curable. Yet as Maryn McKenna shares in this talk, we've squandered the advantages afforded us by that and later antibiotics. Drug-resistant bacteria mean we're entering a post-antibiotic world — and it won't be pretty.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ARISHADVARGA (Kannada)

An aspiring actor doubling as an amateur gigolo gets caught up in a sticky situation after accepting a surprise gift from an anonymous client. Cast: Sumyuktha Hornad, Anju Alva Naik
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

PARAMAPADHAM VILAYATTU (Tamil)

The local party leader gets hospitalised, Dr. Gayathri tries her best to cure him, but he dies. The leader's son is forced to take over while Dr Gayathri tells him about the conspiracy over his father's death.
Cast: Trisha, Nandha, Richard Rishi
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

HUM BHI AKELE TUM BHI AKELE (Hindi)

A homosexual boy. A lesbian girl. A road trip from New Delhi to Himachal which helps them discover the love in friendship.
Cast: Zareen Khan, Anshuman Jha, Gurfateh Pirzada, Janhvi Rawat
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

KAVACHA (Kannada)

Jayarama, who is visually challenged, agrees to be the guardian of a young girl, Meenakshi, after her father is murdered. Soon, he finds himself battling a serial killer whose new target is Meenakshi.
Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Isha Kopikkar, Ravi Kale, Kruthika Jayakumar
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

NIZHAL (Malayalam)

John Baby, who is recouping from a traumatic accident, meets Nitin, a young boy who interests him with murder stories. When Baby explores the possibility of Nitin's stories by mapping the events, it corresponds with the actual incidents.
Cast: Nayanthara, Kunchako Boban, Aadhya Prasad, Divya Prabha
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

BHADRAM (Telugu)

A young detective is asked to keep an eye on a certain number of people and collect information on them. However, his subjects start dying mysteriously.
Cast: Ashok Selvan, Janani Iyer, Kaali Venkat, Jaya Prakash
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

FREEDOM AT MIDNIGHT (Malayalam)

After Jacob gets imprisoned for the alleged murder of a police officer, he decides to befriend his fellow inmates and makes plans with them to break out.
Cast: Antony Varghese, Chemban Vinod Jose, Vinayakan, Arya Salim
- Watch on: Netflix

ENGLISH

RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON

Raya, a warrior, sets out to track down Sisu, a dragon, who transferred all her powers into a magical gem which is now scattered all over the kingdom of Kumandra, dividing its people.
Cast: Gemma Chan, Sandra Oh, Alan Tudyk, Awkwafina
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

BOMBSHELL

Having had enough of her boss's sexual harassments, Gretchen Carlson files a lawsuit against Fox News founder Roger Ailes. Her bravery triggers a domino effect, culminating into a liberation movement.
Cast: Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman, Margot Robbie, John Lithgow
- Watch on: Lionsgate Play

SWEET TOOTH (series)

On a perilous adventure in a post-apocalyptic world, a boy who's half-human and half deer searches for a new beginning with a gruff protector.
Cast: Christian Convery, Nonso Anozie, James Brolin, Wil Forte
- Watch on: Netflix

THE MAURITANIAN

A defense attorney, her associate and a military prosecutor uncover a far-reaching conspiracy while investigating the case of a suspected 9/11 terrorist imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for six years.
Cast: Jodie Foster, Tahar Rahim, Shailene Woodley, Benedict Cumberbatch
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Zee 5: ₹ 99 per month
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month

RUBINATIONS
RUBI CHAKRAVARTI
Writer, actor and funny girl

GRACE UNDER PRESSURE

It's strange, but the city opening up has varying connotations to different people. The fearful older generations rue that 'unlocking after a long hiatus' will bring younger people out in droves! The retail and hospitality industry are fervently hoping that business will pick up, while there is pessimism in the IT sector and other ancillary units as there is a global go-slow and a hiring freeze. The only ones looking forward to anything good or bad, is the 'political class' (it's an oxymoron to refer to them as class), who will milk any situation to line their own pockets!

Reports say that there is an overall slump in the Cardi-V afflicted and hospitals are mercifully less crowded. Fancy tags are attached to the lifting of the lockdown (2 point O). We all know that these titles mean squat and chaos will follow. Slowly but surely, weddings will get bigger, hotels and restaurants will contact their favourite 'party-throwers' to throw soirees for 'party-mongers' with discounted food and booze rates to bring in the crowds. Ultimately most optimists will throw caution to the winds (after the initial trepidation), and everybody will go back to the desperately sought after 'normal'. The virus will raise its ugly head again; hospitals-beds, vaccines and medication will be in short supply... again. Our leaders will chalk out another plan, fanning obscure conspiracy theories. Eventually, the circle of life and death will go on!

In between this grim scenario I spoke to a couple of my friends whose unfailing grace and optimism caught my attention. Speaking with them reminded me of Hemmingway's famous line; 'Courage is Grace Under Pressure'. This quote aptly describes a wonderful group of writers, painters' dancers and artists... They found their 'grace' or courage in the midst of mayhem and suffering.

Arundhati Ghosh, ED for The Indian Federation for Arts,

Kaveri Ponnapa

Gurudas Shenoy

Madhu Natraj

Arundhati Ghosh

says, "There is something very beautiful about coming together and fighting for something we believe in - it is life-affirming - something that this virus was trying to take away from us." Her own battle with a serious illness brought into focus, the healing emotiveness of caring for one another. A poet herself, she holds poetry reading sessions online on Sundays for an intimate coterie of friends. As she succinctly says, she refuses to live in fear and loneliness and she continues to make space in her life for others.

Kaveri Ponnapa, always epitomized the word 'grace' so beautifully. Whether it's the amazing table of food she lays out... or her unwavering support for the handloom industry, her commitment is unshakeable. An independent writer and a published author, she says she finds that beauty in her interaction with people, especially with the handloom artisans who are in dire straits. She reiterates that the trust and confidence they have in her, constantly reminds her of the privileged position she is in and this, 'centers' her.

Madhu Natraj is a dear friend and a beautiful person inside out. Very simply, she said, "I have learnt to be in the present moment. That helps me to be creative and fearless. My art is my most powerful anchor and gives me endless possibilities to articulate, catalyze and transform.

Gurudas Shenoy is an award winning artist who finds beauty in his studio which reminds him of his hometown. Abounding with fruit and flowering trees, Guru soaks in the beauty of nature and the vastness of the sky to touch-base with his grace.

Rumi said, I have learned that every mortal will taste death. But only a few will taste life.

FUN AND FROSTING

June 13 may be Cupcake Lover's Day, but do we really need an occasion to enjoy these mini delights? Here are three recipes to try at home this weekend

MARBLE CUPCAKES WITH CHOCOLATE FROSTING

INGREDIENTS

For the cupcake

- Plain flour - 209 gm
- Baking powder - ½ tsp
- Baking soda - ¼ tsp
- Butter - 115 gm (melted)
- Caster sugar - 200 gm
- Vanilla essence- 2 tsp
- Egg - 1
- Plain yogurt - 60 gm
- Milk - 195ml + 1 tbsp
- Cocoa powder - 21 gm
- Pink food colour - ½ tsp

For the frosting

- Unsalted butter - 225 gm
- Icing sugar - 230 gm
- Vanilla essence - 1 tsp
- Chocolate - 170 gm

Method

- Preheat oven to 177C.
- Line a cupcake tray with 12 cupcake liners; you might need more liners as this recipe makes more than a dozen cupcakes.
- In a medium bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.
- In another bowl, melt the butter. Whisk in sugar, the mixture will be gritty. Chill in the fridge for a minute to cool it down. Add the egg to the mixture along with the yogurt, milk and vanilla extract. Stir until combined.
- Add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture and mix till no lumps remain.
- Transfer ¾ cup of vanilla batter to another bowl to make the chocolate batter. Add in the sifted cocoa powder and 1 tbsp of milk. Stir until combined.
- To make the pink batter, add 4 tbsp of the vanilla batter to a bowl along with the pink colour. Stir till combined.
- Fill cupcake liners with the vanilla and chocolate batters, alternating for each layer. Add in a tsp of the pink batter as well. Fill the cupcake liner till ¾ with batter. Use a toothpick to swirl the batters together to create the marble effect.
- Bake the cupcakes for 15 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Let the cupcakes cool down while you make the frosting.

Method for frosting

- Melt the chocolate in a heatproof bowl placed over a saucepan of simmering water. Remove from heat and allow it to cool down.
- In another bowl, beat the butter and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Add the sifted icing sugar in 2-3 additions mixing well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl to mix everything.
- Once the chocolate has cooled down, pour it slowly into the mixture while it is beating. Keep beating for another minute or until well combined and the frosting is smooth. Add a pinch of salt if frosting is too sweet.

- Bryna Fernandez (@bee_omnomnom on Instagram)

ZUCCHINI AND CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFINS

INGREDIENTS

- All purpose flour - 1 and ½ cups
- Sugar - 1 cup
- Baking soda - 1 tsp
- Cinnamon powder - 1 tsp
- Salt - ½ tsp
- Egg - 1 lightly beaten (or curd - ¼ cup to make an eggless version)
- Oil - ½ cup
- Milk - ¼ cup
- Lemon juice or vinegar - 1 tbsp
- Vanilla extract - 1 tsp
- Zucchini finely grated - 1 cup
- Chocolate chips - ½ to 1 cup as per your choice
- Chopped walnuts - ½ cup (Optional)

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180 C.
- Line a muffin pan with 12 paper muffin liners.
- Combine and sift together flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl.
- Mix the chocolate chips and the nuts if using, into the flour mixture to coat it well. This prevents it from sinking to the bottom.
- Beat together egg or curd, oil, milk, lemon juice or vinegar, grated zucchini and vanilla extract in a bowl for a minute.
- Gently fold the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients until just moistened. Do not over mix.
- Fill prepared muffin cups 2/3 full.
- Bake in preheated oven for about 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre of a muffin comes out clean. Baking time will vary depending on your oven and the size of the muffins.
- Enjoy soft and delicious muffins once completely cooled.
- Tip: Covering any cake or muffins once cooled in a aluminium foil without any gap, will retain its moisture and keep it soft for long.

- Serah Kurian (@23bakestudio on Instagram)

ZESTY ORANGE DARK CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES

INGREDIENTS

For cupcakes

- Unsalted butter - 115 gm
- Sugar - 115 gm
- Eggs - 2
- Vanilla essence - 1 tsp
- Orange zest - 1 tbsp
- Orange juice - 1 tbsp
- Baking powder - 1/2 tsp
- All purpose flour - 115 gm

For the frosting

- Dark Chocolate - 200 gm
- Fresh cream - 180 gm

Method

- Preheat oven to 180 C.
- Whisk together room temperature butter, sugar and vanilla essence till light and fluffy.
- Add the eggs one at a time and whisk till combined. Add orange juice and mix thoroughly.
- Sift together all purpose flour and baking powder. Add orange zest to this and fold gently into the mixture with a spatula.
- Line a cupcake mould with liners and scoop the batter into each liner till 2/3 full.
- Bake at 175C for 15 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.

Method for frosting

- Place the chopped chocolate in a bowl.
- Heat the cream over medium heat until it just begins to boil.
- Pour it over the chopped chocolate and allow it to sit for 5 minutes.
- Stir with a whisk/spatula until its smooth.
- Leave at room temperature for couple of hours until it sets.
- Once set, with a frosting nozzle, frost the cupcakes.

- Nanikutty Sreedharan (@Knuttybaking on Instagram)

A desi twist in the cocktail

AMAN DUA

India is known for many things, but the diversity of the food across the length and breadth of the country is probably unparalleled. While different cultures, geographical influences, and cooking methods certainly have their impact and influence, one of the largely common threads in the cuisine is the wide variety of herbs, spices, and other ingredients that go into making Indian food unique.

I often think that what I like most about my job is the opportunity to have worked with some of the best Indian chefs through whom I became familiar with the wide range of Indian herbs, and spices, and what would be the end product and taste of a mixture of two or more of them. Coupled with some research, the next step was naturally to see how these could be adapted to make more "Indianised" cocktails, and I began experimenting. As a result, over the years, I have created a fairly extensive "Desi" cocktail menu inspired largely by kitchen ingredients. Some of my favourites that have become very popular with my patrons are:

Chai Pani - An amazing cocktail with vodka mixed with three types of tea (Assam, Darjeeling, and Masala) infused with garam masala, coffee and in-house (Nagpur) orange liqueur.

New Fashion - Inspired by the classic Old Fashioned but with Indian spices, it's a whisky-based cocktail stirred with cinnamon and clove syrup with aromatic bitters.

Coconut and curry leaves Martini - This is a classic Vodka Martini tempered with in-house curry leaves, syrup and lime juice and topped with coconut foam (coconut water, coconut cream, and whipped egg whites).

Anjj - This is a whiskey cocktail which is one of the house favourites at Raahi. It consists of whisky with in-house Campari marmalade, in-house spice bitters, and served with cinnamon smoke.

CNC - Vodka with fresh Cucumber juice, Simple sugar syrup, lime juice and Cumin liqueur.

Alarm - another Raahi favourite, this unique cocktail is made with saffron infused vodka, in-house nutmeg liqueur, rose cordial and flavour bubble.

Enjoy these cocktails at leisure.

(The author is the Beverage Programmer, Raahi Neo Kitchen and Bar)

NUGGETS

Bento boxes for takeaway

Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru at Embassy One is offering various bento boxes for takeaway. Compartmentalised with gourmet delights, the bento boxes are available in varied options such as Asian (available on weekends), Western and Indian delicacies, and the chefs ensure the menu changes regularly. The Indian and Western bento boxes are priced at ₹2,600+ taxes for two persons while the Asian bento comprises sushi, sashimi, noodles and mains and is priced at ₹4,000 + taxes for two people. To place an order, call +91 76191 46006.

Online baking workshop

Attend this eggless baking workshop and learn how to make cheesy garlic breadsticks, pull apart cheese garlic bread, jalapeño and cheese dough balls, and potato and cheese dough balls, all from scratch. It will take place on June 12, from 3.30 pm to 5.45pm on Zoom. For tickets (₹999), check Insider.in

'LOVE MOCKTAIL HAS ALLOWED ME TO WIN MANY HEARTS'

Krishna

I don't want to be choosy and end up doing just 20 projects. I prefer to be part of at least 100 films"
–Krishna, actor

Actor-director Krishna opens up about his upcoming projects including *Love Mocktail 2* and his future projects in this interview with *City Express*

A SHARADHAA

KRISHNA has been one of the busiest actors in the Kannada film industry ever since the release of his debut directorial venture, *Love Mocktail* (2020), which also featured him as an actor. However, the second corona wave has turned out to be a hurdle to his upcoming film *Love Mocktail 2*, which is getting delayed due to the lockdown. "I took some time off for my wedding (with Milana Nagaraj), and by the time I wanted to get back to shooting the remaining portions of the film, the lockdown was announced," says Krishna ahead of his birthday celebrations.

As a treat to Krishna's fans, the makers of the actor-director's upcoming film *Sugar Factory* will be unveiling a teaser of the film on Anand Audtio. Apart from these two films, the actor has a handful of projects on floors - including *ShriKrishna@gmail.com*, *Mr. Bachelor*, Nagendra Prasad 's yet-to-be-titled project. He has also signed in for Deepak Gangadhar's debut directorial venture *Love Me or Hate Me*, which is yet to go on floors.

Currently, Krishna is waiting for the lockdown to be lifted, but he is already working on the post-production works for the sequel. He says, "We are left with 12 days of shooting for *Love Mocktail 2*, which will be resumed once lockdown is lifted. Meanwhile, I have been working on the re-recording, and we are almost through with the background score for the first half of the film."

Krishan says that *Love Mocktail* was the watershed moment in his career that gained him the love from the audience and his peers in the industry. "People started saying 'Krishna has the talent', and they trusted me more than I did. It was not the case before *Love Mocktail*."

He adds, "Having been in the industry for a decade, I feel two major changes have happened to my career after *Love Mocktail*. Firstly, as an actor, one can only pick from the projects that come your way, and I wasn't getting good scripts back then. So, a film has to win for the actors to succeed. Now, directors are looking out to explore different shades of me. Secondly, I used to only get action-oriented subjects before. Currently, after *Love Mocktail*, directors are approaching me with romantic stories. Love has allowed me to work in content-oriented scripts."

Krishna derives inspiration from Dr. Rajkumar and Vishnuvardhan and aims to do at least 100 films in his career. "I don't want to be choosy and end up doing just 20 projects. I prefer to be part of at least 100 films. For me, every film and character is an experience. I prefer such experiences over success. As a director, I would like to make one film every two years."

Up next, Krishna is planning to direct a sports drama. "Title *Mili*, the film is about a champion swimmer. Milana Nagaraj, who is a national-level swimmer, will be playing the lead. However, I am yet to begin writing for the project, and will start once I am done with the current commitments," he signs off.

STUNT-MASTER RAVI VARMA PREPARES FOR HIS FIRST HINDI DIRECTORIAL VENTURE

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Ravi Varma, a well-known stunt director in Bollywood and south film industries, turned director with *Rustum* starring Shivarajkumar. Now, the stunt choreographer-turned director is working on a script for his second directorial venture, which will feature a B-Town actor in the lead.

Ravi Varma revealed the latest project even as he is busy doing his bit for numerous artists and technicians who are hit by the lockdown. "I have donated over 650 food packages to a few departments of the film industry - mainly for the stuntmen - and people who serve in various departments of cinema," he mentioned.

The *Rustum* director said that he has been working on a couple of scripts during the second lockdown, and they are almost ready. "I am planning to do it as a Hindi film and am currently approaching various production houses. Once things are finalised, I will fix the actors for the project, he reveals, adding, "People in Bollywood are aware of my style of stunt choreography. However, my second film will be a bit different from that. It is going to be an out-and-out entertainer with all the commercial elements."

Ravi Varma, who has worked with south Indian actors like Puneeth, Darshan, Shivarajkumar, Sudeep, Vikram, and Vishal, among others is no stranger to Bollywood actors. He has also worked with many B-Town stars including Salman Khan, Shah Rukh Khan, Shahid Kapoor, and Vidyuth Jamwal. "This is just my new experiment in another industry," he says.

Meanwhile, Ravi Varma is waiting for the industry to reopen and resume work with other projects as a stunt choreographer. "Apart from a few films in Kannada, I have signed in to choreograph stunts for actors Vishal and Nani for their respective projects. I am also working on two Hindi web series," he says.

Stunt choreographer-turned-director Ravi Varma is all set to make his second directorial venture in Bollywood

Ravi Varma

Aquaman sequel titled *Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom*

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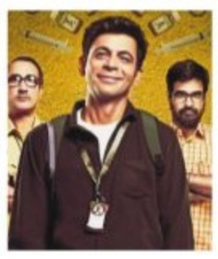
James Wan shared an image on his Instagram from a production meeting, which featured the title, in what looks to be a potential logo for the film. It may be recalled that the filmmaker shared that *Aquaman 2* would be more serious than the first film during last year's DC FanDome. "The second one is a little bit more serious, a little bit more relevant to the world we're living in today. That's where it wants to go." The title implies that the film will majorly focus on the water kingdom Atlantis.

While not many details are known about *Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom*, Jason Momoa, who plays the titular character, has shared that he will be travelling to Hawaii in July for the shoot. Also returning are Amber Heard, Patrick Wilson, and Yahya Abdul Mateen II. *Game of Thrones-fame* Pilou Asbæek is the newest addition to the cast. The screenplay will be written by David Leslie Johnson-McGoldrick, who co-wrote the screenplay for the first *Aquaman*, and also co-wrote the story for *The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It*.



SUNFLOWER

Cast: Sunil Grover, Ranvir Shorey, Girish Kulkarni, Mukul Chadda, Dayana Erappa, Ashish Vidyarthi

Streaming on: ZEE5

SHILAJIT MITRA

I was initially on board with *Sunflower*, a new comic murder mystery series written and co-directed by Vikas Bahl. By the fourth or fifth episode though, my face was in my palm. This is a show so willfully bizarre, so obsessed with sight gags, random squeaks and squeals, that it ceases to amuse after a point. There hasn't been an Indian web show so epically nuts. "Risky is awesome, babe," says a character in the series. Well, so is thought, deliberation and artistic restraint.

An exceedingly bizarre mystery comedy

The plot is workable enough: a reverse whodunit set in a Mumbai co-operative housing society. Vikas, as most would know, was a producer of the 2013 mystery thriller Ugly. He pays a direct tribute at the start: actor Girish Kulkarni, the memorable Marathi cop from Anurag Kashyap's film, dons a version of that character here. But where everyone was a suspect in *Ugly*, the fun in *Sunflower* – on paper, at least – comes from watching the wrong guy take the fall. The main suspect, played by Sunil Grover, is Sonu, a bachelor living alone in Sunflower society. But there are also others who draw the eye: the victim's neighbours, his ex-wife, even the Chinese delivery boy who brought his food. Some of the characters are fun to track. Sonu, for instance, has a meticulous morning ritual: he steps outside his flat, peers through his own door hole, fixes the mat, scans the opposite apartment and takes the lift. Ranvir Shorey's cop is always doing the crosswords and wears thick convex-lens glasses, like a po-faced Bubbles from Trailer Park Boys. The rest are mere cartoons. The conservative society elders – one of them played by Ashish Vidyarthi – won't pass muster in a YouTube sketch.

Though he's been getting dramatic roles for a while, this is Sunil's first-ever series outing as the lead. He lends a sly, slimy quality to Sonu, and seems attuned to the character's innate weirdness. But the show plays it safe, giving him scene after scene of mirthless slapstick. In one, he's chased around by a cab driver; in another, he loses his pants in a loo. It's Comedy Nights all over again – minus the comedy. *Sunflower* ventures a muted sermon on everyday bullying. The victim, a large man egotistically named Raj Kapoor, routinely harassed his neighbours. Life in housing societies is inevitably made up of these micro-aggressions. It made me expect something deeper to the nonsense – to no avail. The series isn't concerned with how people live or interact in co-op communities. Its meanness spills in every direction, from a maid who works the floors to a tertiary character who's run from home. Queen, Vikas's second feature, boasted some of the funniest Hindi film lines ever written. *Sunflower* sinks its head in comparison. The English insult—"think the sun shines out of your arse"—is thoughtlessly translated to Hindi and played. And at a pub, Sonu's date rubs cocaine in his mouth and says: "This isn't paste. It's entertainment." Go, liar.

RATING 1.5/5

Predictable story offsets occasional thrills

THOSE WHO WISH ME DEAD

Director: Taylor Sheridan

Cast: Angelina Jolie, Finn Little, Jon Bernthal, Nicholas Hoult, Aiden Gillen, Medina Senghore

Streaming on: BookMyShow Stream

SAJIN SHRIJITH

Writer-director Taylor Sheridan's fascination for characters caught in high-pressure situations at remote locales, continues with his latest film, *Those Who Wish Me Dead* (TWWMD). It's a film cut out of the same cloth as *Hell or High Water* or *Wind River*, in that the events, much like in those films, are confined to the American frontier. As in his films, Sicario and Wind River, *TWWMD* too is spearheaded by a female protagonist navigating a world dominated mostly by men.

Angelina Jolie plays Hannah, a smokejumper hampered by psychological trauma caused by her inability to save a family during a raging wildfire. The memories haunt her, but not in a way that disrupts her faculties. She is one of the boys, hanging out with them and cracking jokes. She is also a bit of a daredevil, which some, like her ex-boyfriend and now the town sheriff, Ethan (Jon Bernthal), assume is a symptom of her self-destructive tendencies. You sense the tension in their relationship, but Ethan means well. Now happily married to Allison (Medina Senghore), he is an expectant father who puts his, as well as his wife's, life in danger when they cross paths with two ruthless killers, Jack (Aidan Gillen) and Patrick (Nicholas Hoult).

TWWMD is essentially Taylor Sheridan's reworking of a familiar story idea: Protagonist protects child from evil. Imagine Angelina Jolie in place of Harrison Ford's character from *Witness* and add a forest fire in the end to heat things up, literally. Australian actor Finn Little plays the little boy who takes a while to trust Hannah. I liked how Sheridan takes some time to flesh out the warmth of the father-son bond in this film, and how he conjures anxiety in a limited amount of time.

The killers seem like modern-day reproductions of the bad guys from the Ernest Hemingway short story, The Killers, that has, of course, been adapted for the big screen multiple times. Despite having two accomplished actors, the killers' personalities don't stand out as they should. But Sheridan manages to mine some occasional dark humour, like when Jack's repeated expressions of hatred for the town. We also get an unlikely female hero in the form of Allison, who does not let her pregnancy come in the way of her derring-do. Her confrontation with the twins is easily the highest moment of tension in the film.

Mainly on account of its predictability, *TWWMD* is not quite among Sheridan's best films. Perhaps it's the burden of expectation too, given that this man was behind films like *Sicario* and *Hell or High Water*. Perhaps the burden of direction takes away from his apparently superior abilities as a writer. *TWWMD's* biggest achievement is that it serves as an example of minimalist filmmaking for the post-pandemic world, even though it completed filming way before the crisis began.

RATING 3.5/5